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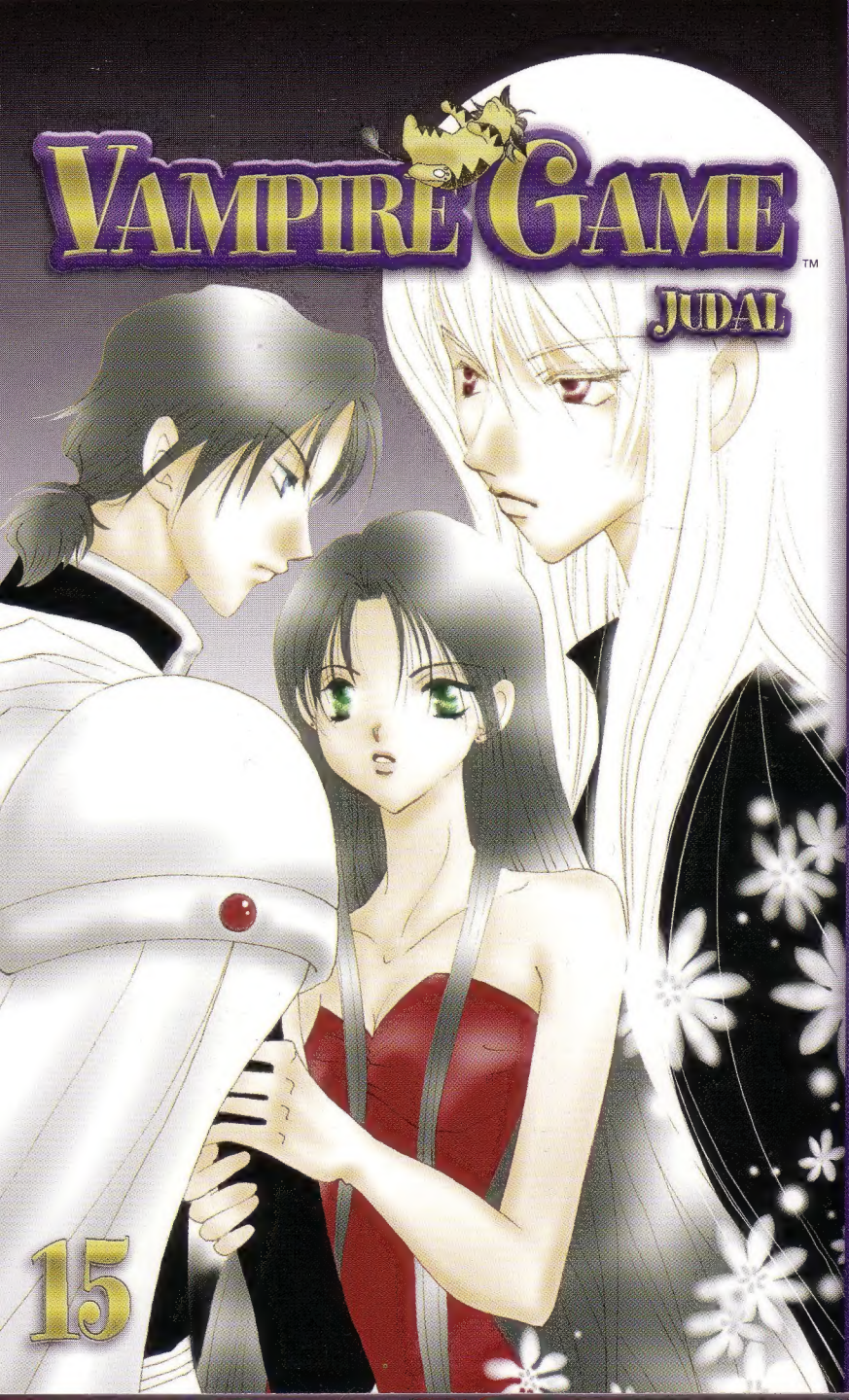

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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phelios, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phelios?

Duzell thinks he knows, but he's not talking. Could it be Yujinn, the prince of Zi Alda who has been moonlighting as Princess Ishtar's magic instructor? Or Lassen, the vile-and recently defeated-ruler of Mil Seli? What about Illsaide, the powerful heir to the Ci Xeneth throne who also happens to be part monster? The truth is that it could be any of these, and if Duzell intends to see his mission through, the ramifications will be felt throughout the entire kingdom.

Or rather, they WOULD be if the entire kingdom wasn't about to erupt into civil war. A line has been drawn. On one side, Lassen readies his troops for a strike against Ishtar. He is a mighty foe indeed, for not only is Sharlen, the powerful Vampire Marquis, loyal to him, but it appears that the destructive, half-monster Illsaide may be as well. Facing him are the forces loyal to Phellosta. Led by Princess Ishtar and her faithful guard (and intended heir to the Phellostan throne) Darres, they include the kingdoms of La Naan, Ci Xeneth and Zi Alda. However, Ishtar was recently dealt a mighty blow when her friend and ally, Yujinn, was seemingly murdered by none other than the King of Razenia, Prince Vord of La Naan's biological father.

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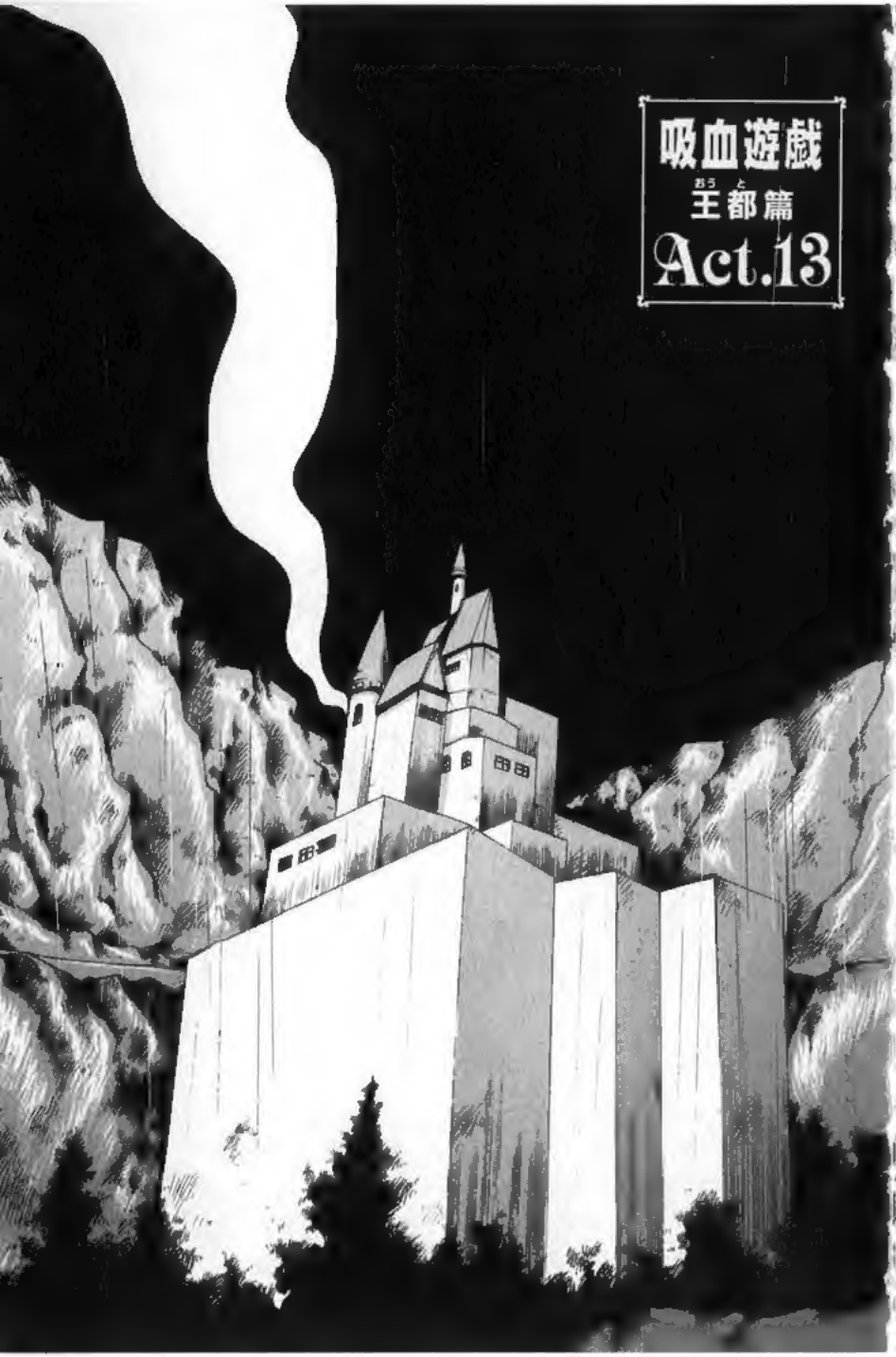
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YUJINN!!

OH, HELLO...
YOU'RE JUST THE... MAN I NEED TO TALK TO.

EVEN FROM THIS DISTANCE, I CAN FEEL ISHTAR'S PAIN...

IT'S NOT LIKE THE DEATH OF ONE INSIGNIFICANT HUMAN OR THE OTHER MEANS SQUAT TO A VAMPIRE KING!
IT'S JUST THAT... ISHTAR...
BUT YOU DO CARE.
YOU'RE MIXED UP IN THIS RIDICULOUS PLOT?
TELL ME, WHO JUST DIED? VORD OR YUJINN?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? WHY DO YOU CARE?
!!

AT THE MIDNIGHT HOUR, A VAMPIRE'S POWER IS AT ITS PEAK.
DON'T BE STUPID, BOY! YOU'RE WAY OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE!
RAINFALL MAGNIFIES THE POWER OF WATER MONSTERS.
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS AS CLOSE TO A FAIR FIGHT AS I'M GOING TO GET.
SO THE VAMPIRE KING NOW FIGHTS FOR PHELIOSTA ...
...THE LAND HE ONCE SOUGHT TO DESTROY?
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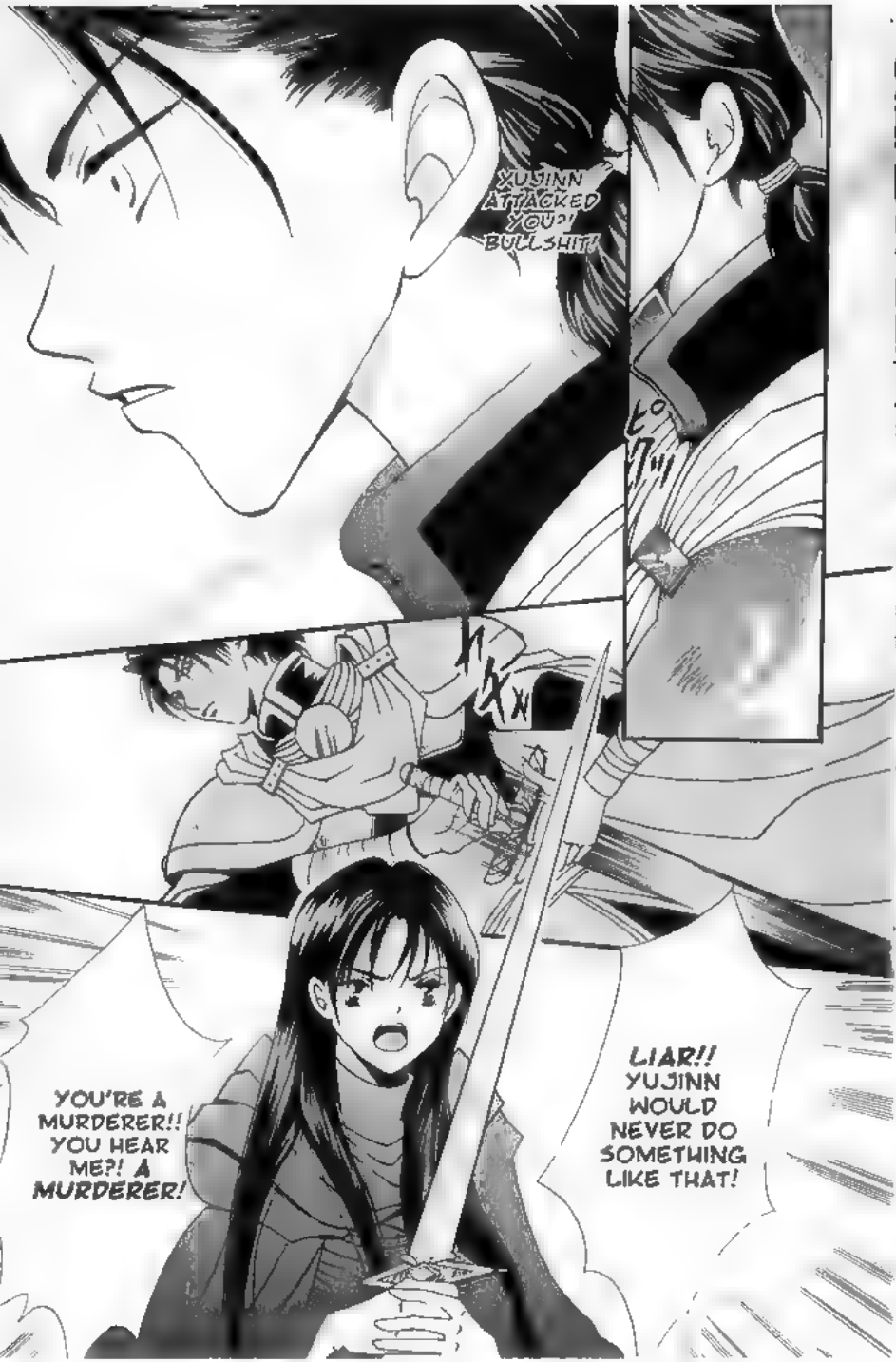
A FAIR FIGHT...? YOU'RE CRAZY!
YOU'RE FLATTER-ING YOUR-SELF!!

I wonder if there's anything left of him.
MYSELF, I'D PUT ATTACKING A VAMPIRE KING AT MIDNIGHT IN THE "STUPID" CATEGORY. DAMN.
LORD LASSEN TOLD ILLSAIDE NOT TO DO ANYTHING STUPID.
YOW!
SOB!

AM I DREAMING?
DARRES
YES, THAT'S IT! THIS MUST BE A DREAM!
I'M GOING TO WAKE UP, AND YUJINN WILL BE ALIVE WITH SOME KIND OF BIZARRE PLAN...
YUJINN!!!
SOB!!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
NO! IT CAN'T BE!


YUJINN ATTACKED YOU?! BULLSHIT!
YOU'RE A MURDERER!! YOU HEAR ME?! A MURDERER!
LIAR!! YUJINN WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

...NOT THIS TIME, I'M AFRAID! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN NOW!
THIS MAN RAISED HIS BLADE AGAINST ME
I STRUCK HIM DOWN IN SELF-DEFENSE.

THERE'S MORE GOING ON HERE THAN MEETS THE EYE.
UGH! MY HEAD ...
WHY DID YOU KILL YUJINN?!
WHAT'S NOT RIGHT ...?
WHAT ABOUT VORD?
MY LORD!! PRINCESS ISHTAR!!

HOLD IT, PRIN-CESS!
THAT'S NOT RIGHT ...
VORD. MY VORD ...
KING OR NOT, I'M GOING TO CUT OUT HIS LYING TONGUE!
THIS ISN'T RIGHT ...
?!

IS HE THE KING OF RAZENIA?!
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.
EVERY-THING IS MY FAULT
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
?!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY?!
YOUR MAJESTY?!!

WHY WOULD THE KING OF RAZENIA AND YUJINN BE HACKING IT OUT IN LASSEN'S ROOM?
LATER WE FOUND OUT THAT ...
...IT WAS LASSEN'S ROOM THEY WERE IN!
WE ASKED AROUND ...
...BUT NO ONE HAD SEEN LASSEN GO IN OR OUT!
SO, YUJINN IS GONE. WHERE IS DARRES?
HE'S WATCHING OVER THE BODY.

ALL I WANTED ...
...WAS TO SEE MY SON... JUST ONCE MORE.

LAST NIGHT, I WAS BRUTALLY ATTACKED BY YUUJEL OF ZI ALDA, OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF PHELIOSTA.
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VORD! WAIT!
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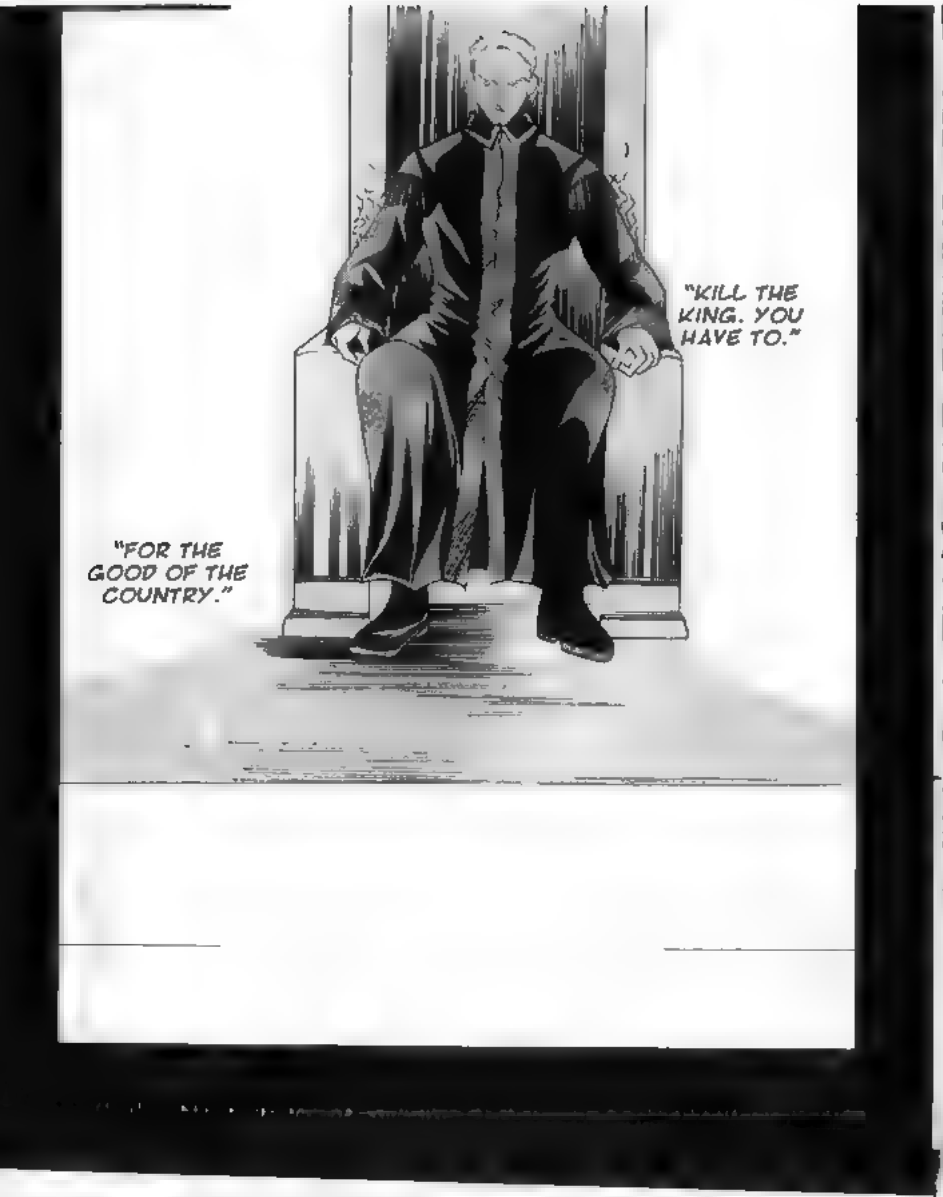
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


"KILL THE KING. YOU HAVE TO."
"FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY."
"AS HIS PERSONAL HEALER, I KNOW THE KING BETTER THAN ANYONE."

THE KING'S BEEN ACTING SO STRANGE LATELY. LAST NIGHT HE SAID IT WAS HIS OWN FAULT!
THIS MEANS WAR FOR SURE!
FATHER ...
LAST NIGHT, I THOUGHT YOU WERE CRAZY WHEN YOU TOLD ME THE KING WASN'T HIMSELF.
BUT NOW ...

?!
YOU DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO ENTER!
"BUT THAT'S NOT THE KING."
HALT! IN THE NAME OF THE KING!
WERE YOU SERIOUS?

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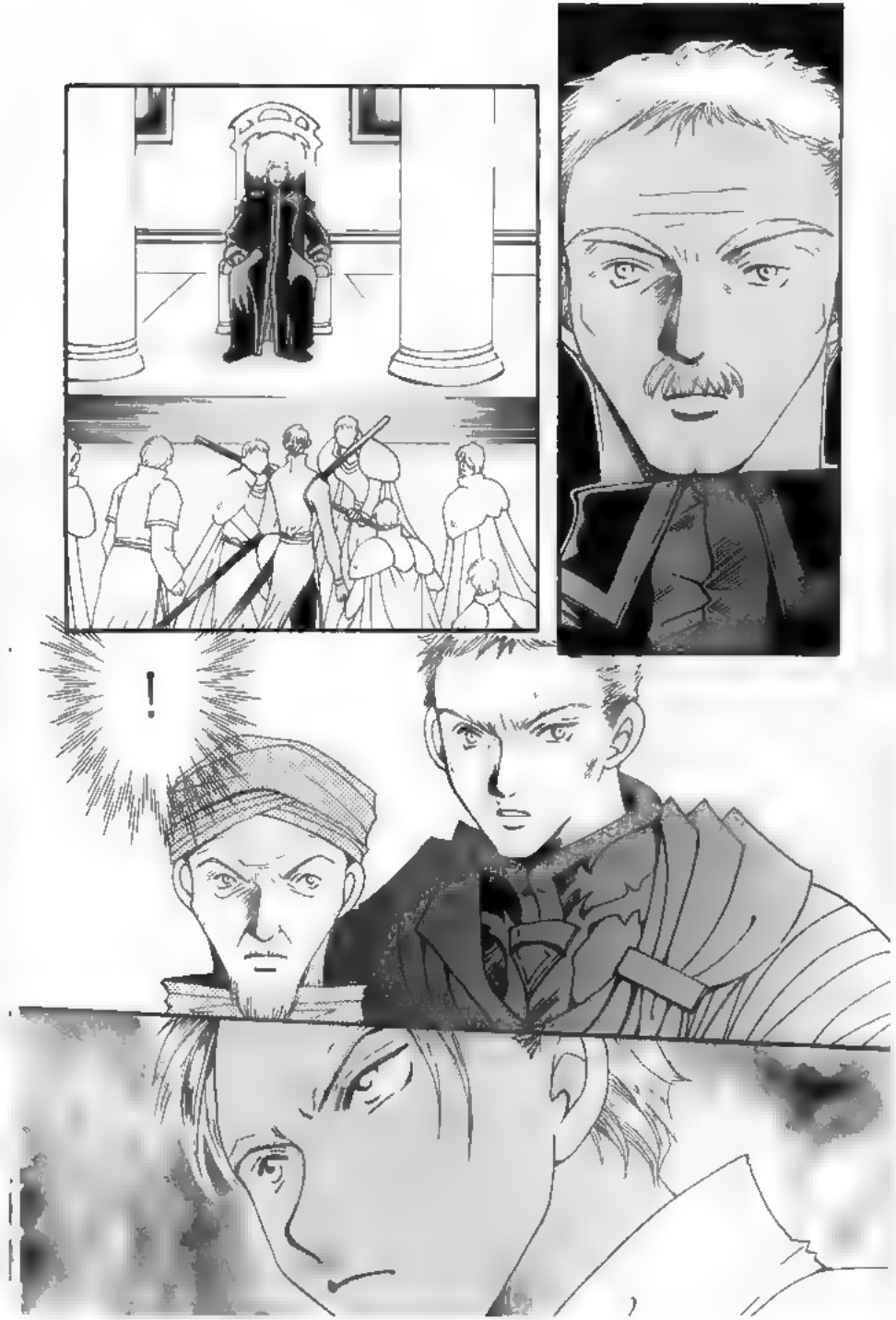
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO FIGHT WHEN THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU. WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE
BUT DON'T THEY HURT?
WRONG.
THAT'S CUTE. YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
...THEN I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT!
I NEED YOU TO CRUSH PHELIOSTA. IF YOU GET YOUR SILLY SELF KILLED FIRST...
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL.
HE IS A VAMPIRE KING, YOU KNOW. THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE UNDEAD.
AND IT WAS MIDNIGHT ...
He really put you through the wringer
TSK! TSK! LOOK WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN.
THESE WOUNDS ...
...WILL QUICKLY HEAL.

WITH RAZENIA'S FORCES LED BY THE MIGHTY ILLSAIDE, THE "HOLY WARRIOR" ...
...PHELIOSTA WON'T STAND A CHANCE!
IT'LL BE FUN, NO?
SIR VORD!
GET BACK! NOW!
YOU AND WHAT ARMY?
DOES LASSEN STILL THINK HE CAN RALLY MR. SEII TO HIS BANNER?
THERE'S NO ONE THERE LEFT LOYAL TO HIM. YUJINN MADE SURE OF THAT.
REALLY?
HE SAID EXACTLY WHAT LORD LASSEN TOLD ME HE WOULD...
THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN RAZENIA, SILLY. TO BORROW THEIR ARMY.

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, SIR YORD!
VERY GOOD!
...AND ATTACKED ME. I HAD NO CHOICE, EXCEPT TO--
I WAS JUST EXPLAINING ...
...HOW PRINCE YUUJEL WENT QUITE MAD...
I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOU! WHY DID YOU KILL YUUJEL?
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?! TELL THE TRUTH!
THAT'S A LIE!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IT DIDN'T MATTER WHICH ONE OF US WAS KILLED. YUUJEL, MYSELF, THE KING. ANY OF US OF WOULD BE...
...ENOUGH TO SPARK A WAR.
I GET IT NOW.

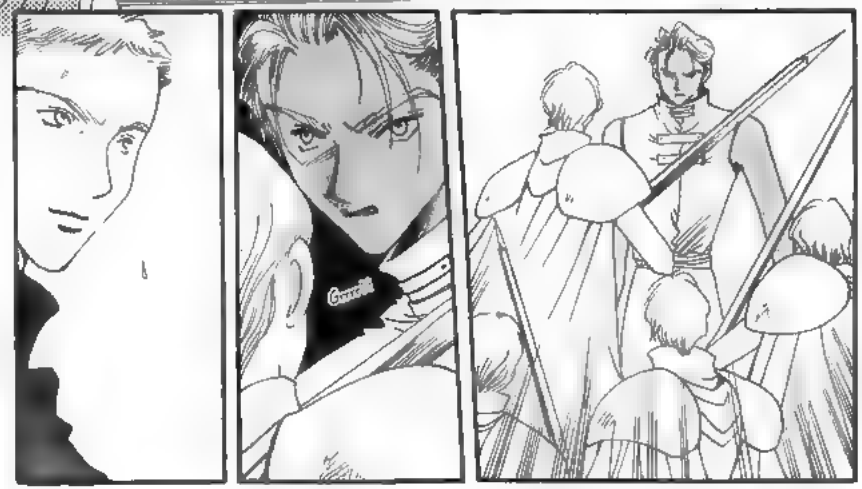
YOU MURDERED YUUJEL JUST LIKE ...
...YOU TRIED TO KILL ME!
THIS ISN'T GOOD ...
SIR VORD, YOU'RE CONFUSED.
ALL YOUR STUDYING MUST HAVE EXHAUSTED YOU. YOU SHOULD LIE DOWN.

KILL HIM!
GALAHAD! STOP HIM!
DON'T BE STUPID, PRINCE VORD! YOU CAN'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY YET! ISHTAR AND DARRES STILL NEED YOU!
!
HE'S RIGHT. WAIT, DID HE JUST CALL ME PRINCE VORD...?

DOCTOR, SEE IF YOU CAN HELP THAT POOR YOUNG MAN.

HIS DELU-SIONS ...
..ARE DANGEROUS. TO EVERY-ONE.

LOCK HIM UP! FOR HIS OWN PROTECTION!

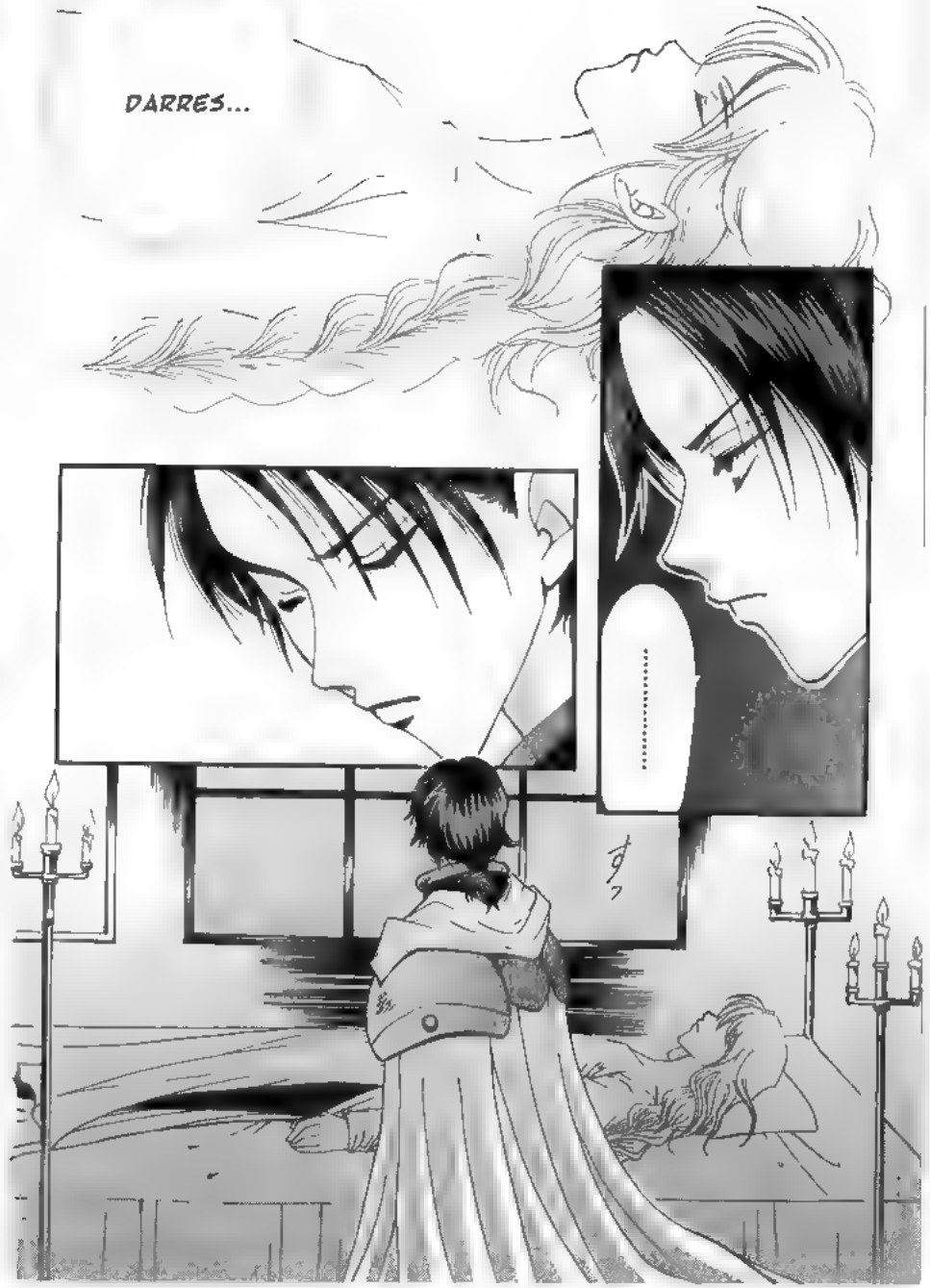


SILLY VORD ...
WELL, HE DID DRAW HIS SWORD IN THE THRONE ROOM. THAT'S KIND OF A NO-NO.
I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT VORD.
GALAHAD'S FATHER IS IN CHARGE OF HIM...
...SO HE'LL BE AS SAFE AS HE'D BE WITH US.
YEP.
THEY TOOK VORD PRISONER?!

.. BUT WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOU TO PULL IT TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO NEXT.
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE YOUR BEST FRIEND...
HEY, DARREN!
MY BEST FRIEND? YUJINN?
I WAS YUJINN'S BEST FRIEND
I HAD NO IDEA
YEAH
HE WAS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT YOU ...
.. AND WHAT YOU'D BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER HE SAID YOU WERE HIS BEST FRIEND.

...DAD KNOWS THAT VORD IS ...
...THE ONLY SURVIVING SON OF OUR DEAR, MAD KING.
ESPE-CIALLY SINCE ...
WHAT?!
There there...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON ANYMORE.
I DON'T KNOW WHO'S WHO, OR WHO TO BELIEVE.

ALL I AM IS A BODYGUARD. ALL I CAN DO NOW IS...
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN STEP INTO YUJINN'S SHOES.
HE WAS AN IN-COMPARABLE WIZARD AND A SKILLED TACTICIAN.
...PROTECT PRINCESS ISHTAR.
NO, NOW YOU'RE THE KING.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NOW I HAVE TO PROTECT...
...THE KINGDOM OF PHELIOSTA...
...FROM WHAT LIES AHEAD.

I DON'T DOUBT THAT.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT ALL OF OUR POWERS ARE ABOUT TO BE TESTED.
TELL ME..
. ABOUT YOUR FATHER, THE KING OF RAZENIA.
DON'T START.
DO YOU VAMPIRES EVEN HAVE FAMILIES?
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR FOOLISH STUNT IN THE THRONE ROOM.

THERE'S A LEGSARAM ON EVERY WALL IN THIS CASTLE. .
...AND A COUPLE OF WARDING RUELLES THAT SHOULD TURN ANY VISITING DEMON TO DUST.
BUT SINCE THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE BOTHERING YOU, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FAVOR.
WATCH OVER ISHTAR, DUZELL.
I'LL DO MY BEST. BUT ALL THE DECORATIONS DO DAMPEN MY POWERS

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YOUR FATHER, THE KING OF RAZENIA, ISN'T HIMSELF. IN FACT, I'M NOT SURE WHO HE IS...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOUR DEAR...
...OL' DAD IS POSSESSED.

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME...
THAT THE KING THAT ATTACKED ME, AND WHO KILLED YUJINN, ISN'T REALLY MY FATHER?
RIGHT. SOMEONE ELSE IS IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT. WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHO IT IS.
!

I DON'T KNOW BY WHOM. ANY IDEAS?

HOLD ON A SECOND!
BACK UP! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

.....
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT THE KING OF RAZENIA MADE A DEAL WITH A VAMPIRE...
...PROBABLY SHARLEN, WHO SAVED HIS LIFE...
...AND IN RETURN MADE THE KING HIS PUPPET?
PUP-PET ...
I GUESS THEN I CAN STOP FEELING SILLY...
...FOR GETTING SCHOOLED BY AN OLD MAN.
DO YOU SUPPORT THIS MAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE YOUR COUSIN?
THE PRINCESS' FORMER BODY-GUARD?
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...IT'S TOO LATE, BECAUSE HE'S SOMEONE ELSE!
I WAIT MY WHOLE LIFE TO MEET THE MAN WHO ABANDONED ME!
AND THEN WHEN I FINALLY DO...

I CAN UNDER-STAND ...
...WHY A DESPERATE HUMAN WOULD TAKE A VAMPIRE'S BAIT.
BUT SHARLEN IS COMPLETELY OUT OF HIS MIND...
!!
BASICALLY. I DON'T THINK THE KING IS A VAMPIRE.
SHARLEN HAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT.
OR SO I'VE BEEN TOLD.
HIS HUMAN BLOOD MAKES HIM VERY POWERFUL. BUT IT IN-TERFERES WITH SOME OF A VAMPIRE'S POWERS.

TWO SPIRITS IN ONE BODY ...
SO WHAT WE'VE GOT IS A LOONY VAMPIRE PULL-ING THE STRINGS...
...OF A KING WHOSE COUN-TRY IS ABOUT TO GO TO WAR WITH PHELIOSTA.
WE HAVE ORDERS TO MOVE YOU TO THE NORTH TOWER.
PRINCE VORD!

ILLSAIDE! STOP!!
THINK FOR ONCE!
YOU'RE DEALING WITH SERIOUS MAGIC HERE! IT CAN REALLY HURT YOU!
OW.

I FEEL NAUSEOUS.
I THINK IT'S THE DECOR.
I'M AMAZED YOU MADE IT THIS FAR.
.. AFTER TWO OR THREE STEPS INSIDE THE CASTLE.
THESE WARDING RUELLES WOULD REDUCE ORDINARY WATER MONSTERS TO SCALY LITTLE PUDDLES ...

YOU ONLY WANTED TO FIGHT DUZELL WHEN YOU THOUGHT HE WANTED YOU DEAD.
I THINK I UNDER-STAND
AND MAYBE ...
...YOU WANTED HIM TO KILL YOU, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAD OR FOLLOW ...
...THEN GET THE HELL OUT OF THE WAY.
I'M SURE LASSEN'S ALREADY REALIZED THAT HE CAN'T RELY ON YOU.
YOU'RE STILL THE FIRST CHOICE TO LEAD THE ATTACK.

WHAT?
LASSEN WANTS ME TO LEAD RAZENIA'S ARMY AGAINST PHELIOSTA.
OH, THAT.
THEN YOU'D BE IN A PINCH, WOULDN'T YOU? WITHOUT ILLSAIDE TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK FOR YOU.
BUT I DON'T THINK...
...THIS IS MY FIGHT TO FINISH.
I DIDN'T START IT.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT?
WHY ARE YOU MIXED UP IN ALL THIS?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHARLEN?

I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHAT...
...BUT PRINCESS ISHTAR HAS REQUESTED AN OFFICIAL AUDIENCE. CAN'T KEEP HER WAITING.

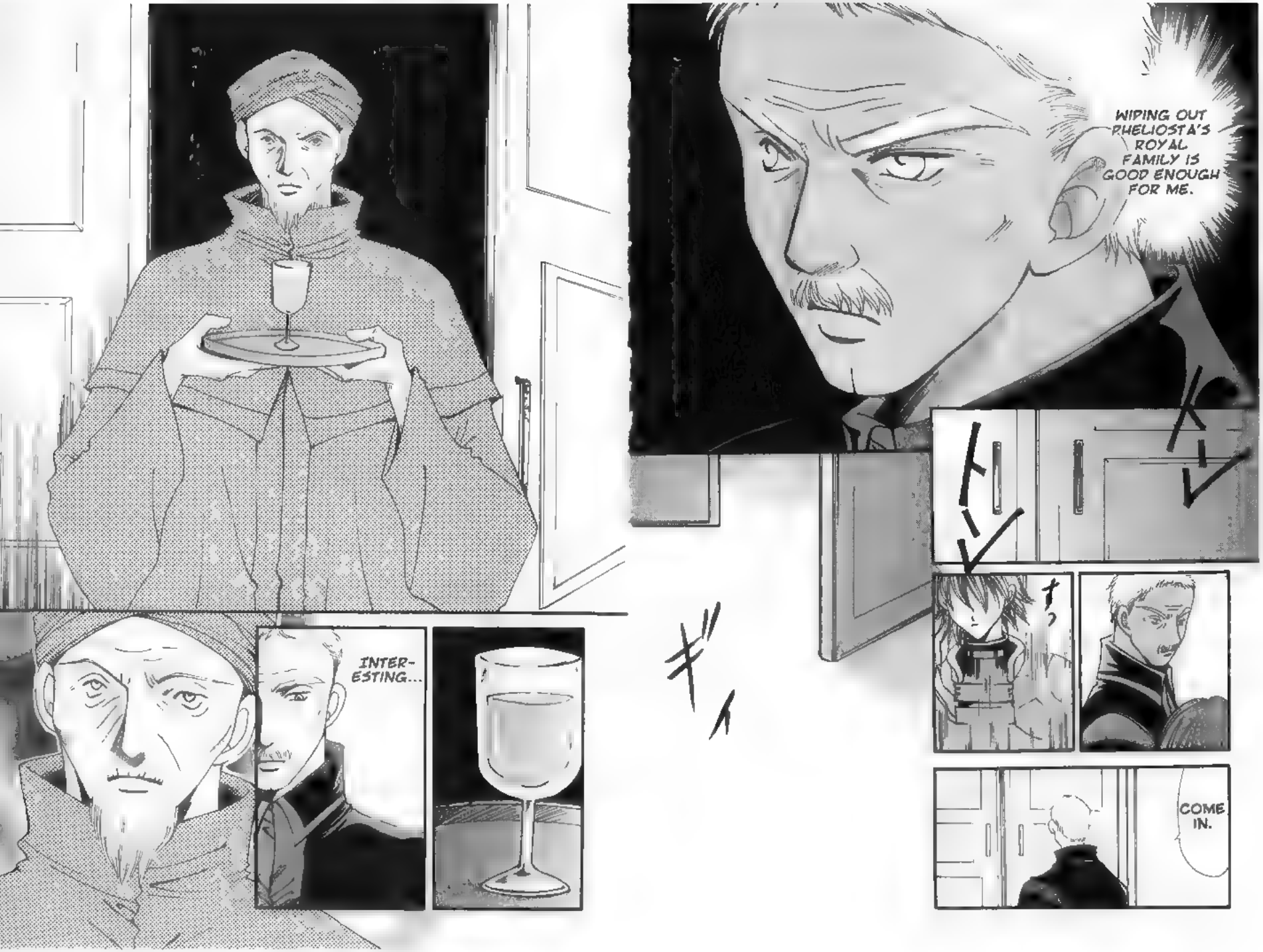
YOU MEAN... I SHOULD RUN AND HIDE?
IF YOU WANT A GIRL, TAKE HER FROM HER MAN.
IF YOU WANT A COUNTRY, WELL, THAT'S JUST AS EASY.
I HAVE TO SAY, I ADMIRE LASSEN'S PHILOSOPHY HE DOESN'T LET RIGHT OR WRONG GET IN THE WAY...
I WONDER
.. OF WHAT HE WANTS.
FORTUNE REWARDS MEN LIKE HIM.

IF I HAD TO GUESS WHO PHELIOS' REINCARNATION IS, I'D HAVE TO SAY...
WHAT IF I DIDN'T MEET ISHTAR?
WHAT IF I'D KNOWN PHELIOS BETTER?
IT'S PROBABLY
!
IT CAN'T BE AN ACCIDENT THAT PHELIOS' GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER WAS THE FIRST PERSON I MET WHEN I CAME BACK TO THIS WORLD.
EVEN THOUGH SHE WASN'T HIS REINCARNATION...
...IT STILL MUST HAVE BEEN THE HAND OF FATE AT WORK.

ANYWAY, I'LL TRY AND WORK THINGS OUT WITH HIM. PLAY PEACE-MAKER
THAT'S MY JOB. MY DUTY.
HE HASN'T COMPLETELY LOST IT, HAS HE?
HIS ADVISORS WON'T LET HIM ACT FOOLISHLY.
DUZELL ...
I'M GOING TO FACE THE KING OF RAZE-NIA.
BE CARE-FUL, HE ISN'T REALLY ...
HE'S NOT IN HIS RIGHT MIND, IS HE?

NEVER MIND. GO ON.
EH?
KEEP AN EYE ON DARRES.
OH, DUZ-IE, CAN YOU DO SOME-THING FOR ME?
?!
I KNEW HE'D INSIST ON COMING WITH ME IF I TOLD HIM ABOUT THIS MEETING, BUT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS SO I KIND OF HAD TO LIE TO HIM.
ISHTAR... WAIT!
THAT'S MY JOB.
MY DUTY.
I PROMISED TO PROTECT YOU.

THE FUNNY PART IS THAT LASSEN...
...WHO'S DONE MORE RESEARCH THAN ANYONE ABOUT ST. PHELIOS.
...IS SAYING THAT HE THINKS HE MIGHT BE PHELIOS' REINCARNATION. LASSEN!
BUT I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THAT HE MIGHT BE REINCARNATED...
...OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE ROYAL FAMILY.
.....?!
I STOPPED CARING WHO PHELIOS' REINCARNATION IS.
DARRES CAN'T DO HIS JOB, IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR GUARD!
AT FIRST ...
...I WAS SURE THAT ISHTAR WAS ST. PHELIOS' REINCARNATION.


WIPING OUT PHELIOSTA'S ROYAL FAMILY IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.
INTER-ESTING...
COME IN.

OH, HI!

YOUR MAJESTY'S RECENT RECOVERY IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE
BUT THIS ELIXIR WILL PREVENT ANY RELAPSE.

I THOUGHT I'D FIGURED OUT HOW TO WIGGLE PAST YOU!
Hee hee! You got me!
DON'T THINK THAT AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
...I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING.

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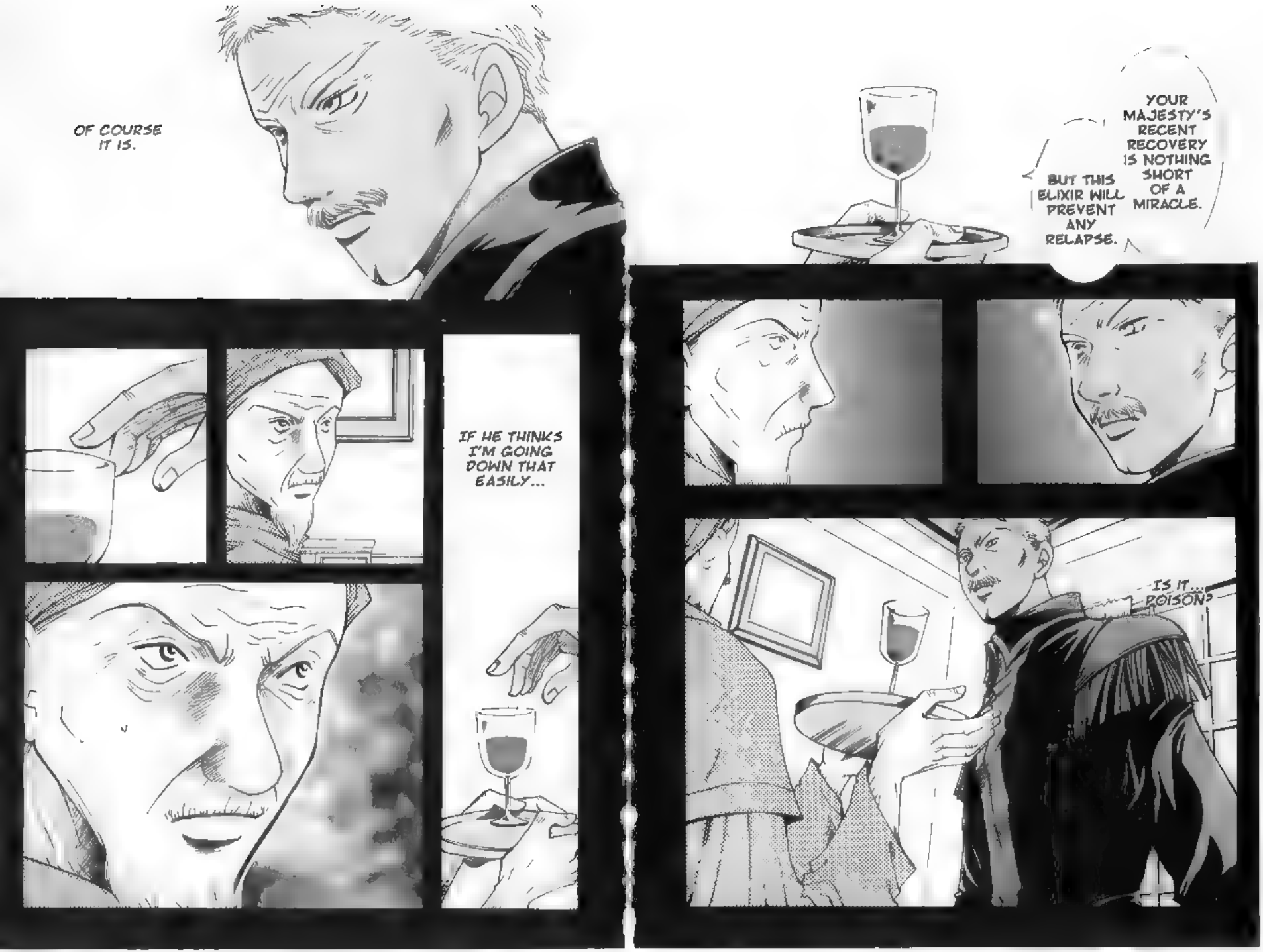
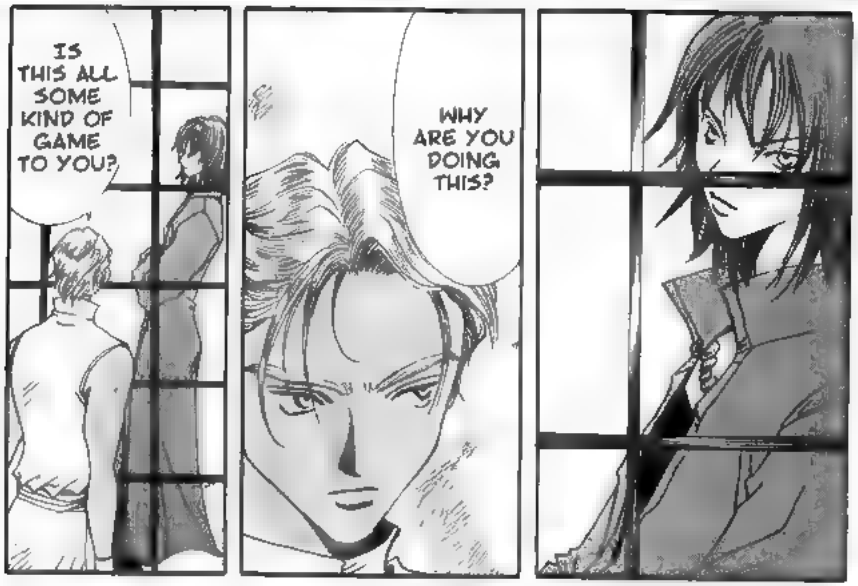
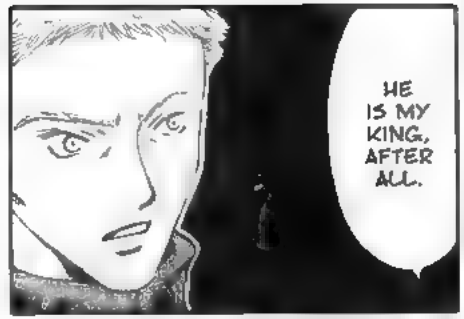

OF COURSE IT IS.
IF HE THINKS I'M GOING DOWN THAT EASILY...
YOUR MAJESTY'S RECENT RECOVERY IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE.
BUT THIS ELIXIR WILL PREVENT ANY RELAPSE.
IS IT... POISON?

LATER.
I HAVE BUSI-NESS TO ATTEND TO.
FATHER! WHAT HAPPENED?

I'LL BRING AN-OTHER GLASS.
MY APOLOGIES, YOUR HIGHNESS! I AM SO CLUMSY.


IS THIS ALL SOME KIND OF GAME TO YOU?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?


HE IS MY KING, AFTER ALL.

AND I'M A HEALER, NOT A KILLER

I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT.

MY JOB HAS BEEN TO KEEP HIM WELL...
...AND AT THE LAST MOMENT, MY HAND SHOOK.

YOU BASTARD!!
EN-LIGHTEN ME.
IT WAS BUILT FOR A QUEEN WHO WAS PREGNANT WITH TWINS.
...THEY PAWNED YOU OFF ON LADY RAMIA. TELL ME, VORD, DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS TOWER WAS BUILT?
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK. YOUR PARENTS WERE SO ASHAMED OF YOU ..
...ARE IN MY WAY.
AND YOU, ISHTAR, AND DARRES...
SIMPLE. I WANT PHELIOSTA.
IT'S THAT SIMPLE. ANY OTHER QUES-TIONS?
YUUJEL... HE WAS IN YOUR WAY, TOO.

SO I GUESS YOU'RE KIND OF A BASTARD YOURSELF, EVIL TWIN.

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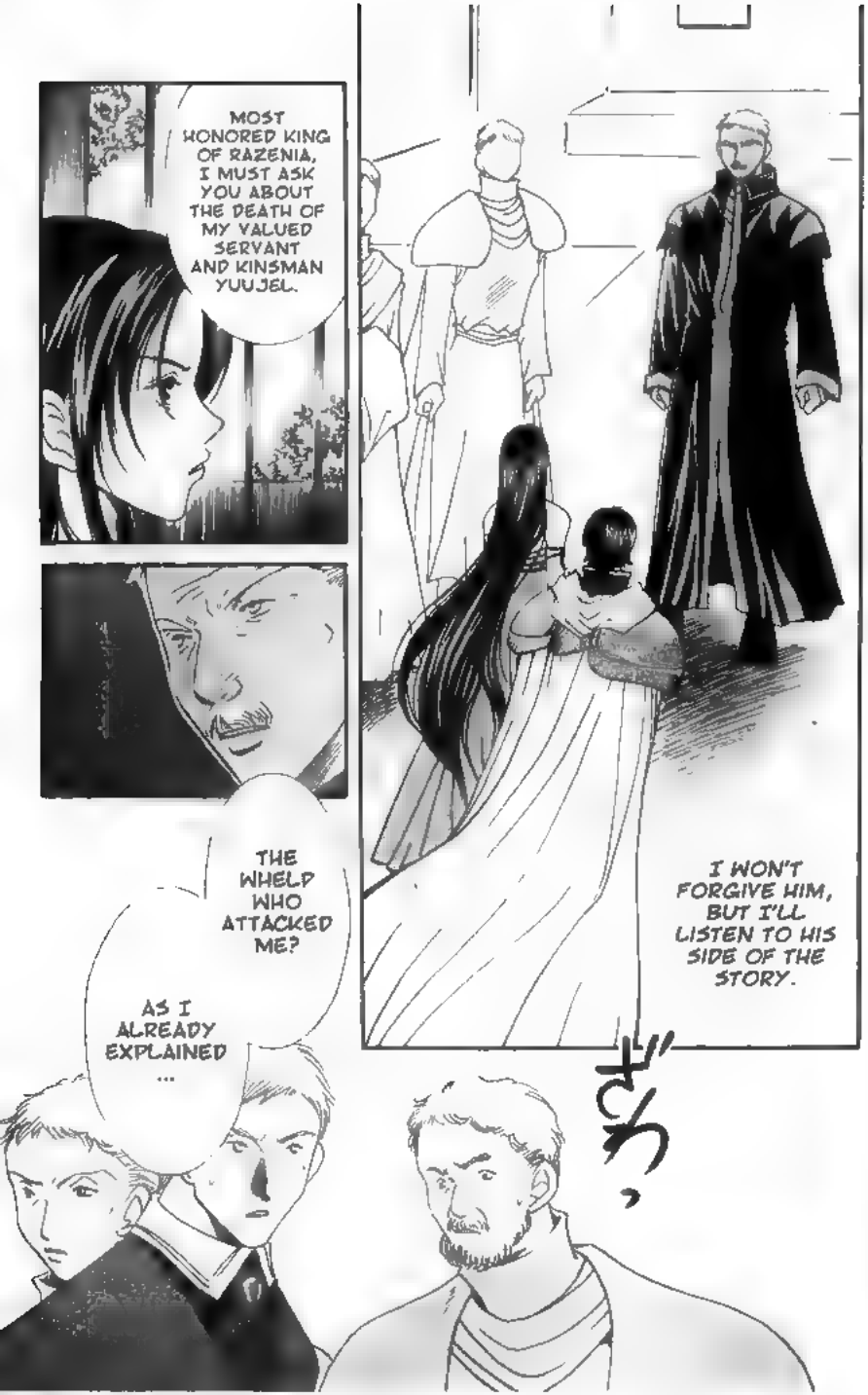
THE HOLIEST WARDING RUELLES AND LEGSARAM CHARMS WERE LAID IN ITS FOUNDATION AND HUNG IN HER CHAMBERS.
THEY WERE TRYING TO CREATE AN IMPENETRABLE BARRIER AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS. THAT WAY THEY COULD KEEP THE YOUNGER TWIN.
BUT AFTER THE BABIES WERE BORN, THEIR CHIEF RETAINERS WEREN'T CONVINCED THAT THEY HAD SUCCEEDED.
SO THEY HAD TO GIVE UP THEIR YOUNGEST BABY. THE ONE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE POSSESSED BY EVIL SPIRITS.


MOST HONORED KING OF RAZENIA, I MUST ASK YOU ABOUT THE DEATH OF MY VALUED SERVANT AND KINSMAN YUUJEL.
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM, BUT I'LL LISTEN TO HIS SIDE OF THE STORY.
THE WHELP WHO ATTACKED ME?
AS I ALREADY EXPLAINED ...
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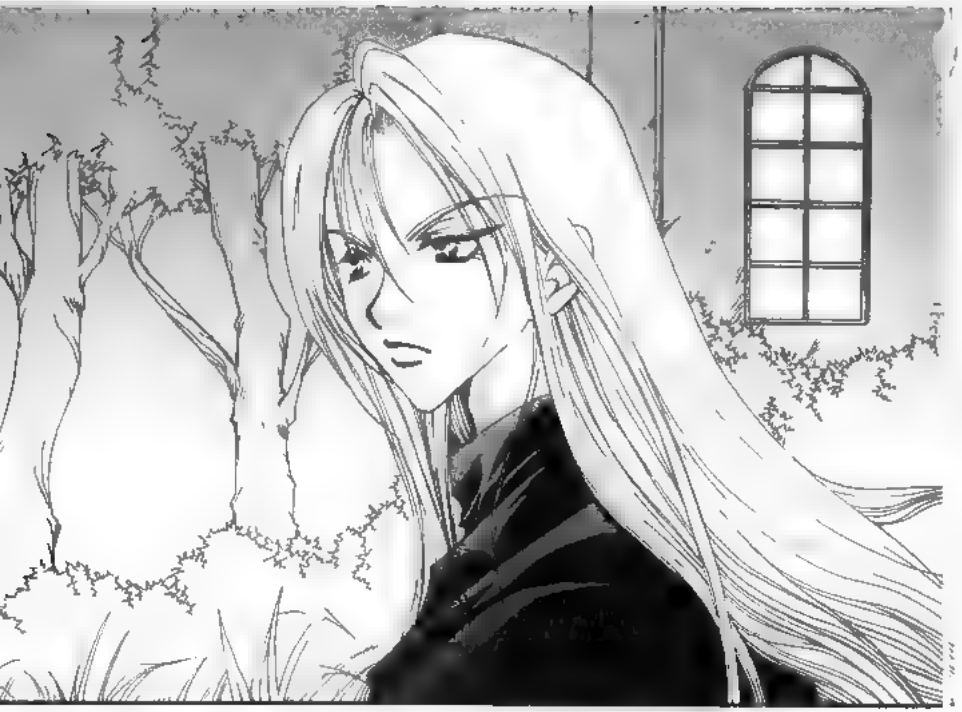
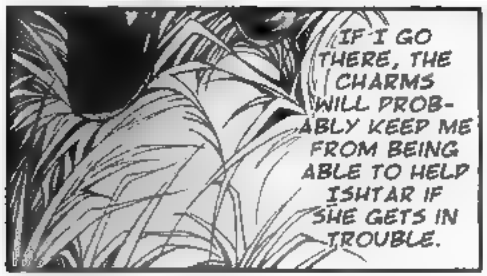
I DON'T CARE WHAT HIS REASONS WERE
I DON'T CARE THAT HE'S A KING.
I WON'T EVER FORGIVE HIM FOR KILLING YUJINN.

PRINCESS ISHTAR ...
IT'S ABOUT YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER, ST. PHELIOS.
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU.
LAST NIGHT THE KING SAID HE WAS RESPON-SIBLE FOR THE FIGHT ..
...HE TOOK LEAVE OF HIS SENSES AND ATTACKED ME.
I KILLED HIM IN SELF-DEFENSE
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
ALL I WANTED WAS TO SEE MY SON JUST ONCE MORE...I DIDN'T MEAN TO START A WAR...
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. EVERY-THING IS MY FAULT.





...ISHTAR WILL BE CRUSHED.

BUT IF I JUST LEAVE VORD THERE AND SOME-THING HAP-PENS TO HIM...

HAIL KING DUZELL! GREATEST OF ALL VAMPIRES!
WE FEAR OUR LORD SHARLEN HAS TAKEN LEAVE OF HIS SENSES. THE MOLDERING MIND OF THAT HUMAN IS POISONING HIM.
SHARLEN'S PUPPETS...
HELLO, GIRLS.
DID YOU COME HERE TO DIE?

YOUR TIMING IS GOOD.
I COULD USE YOUR HELP.
WHY DID MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WANT TO BE REBORN 100 YEARS LATER?

ONCE, WE WERE PROUD TO SERVE UNDER YOUR BANNER, MY KING.
WE WISH TO SERVE YOU ONCE MORE.
SO YOU'VE BETRAYED ME, AND NOW YOU'RE BETRAYING SHARLEN ...
He doesn't remember
YOU USED TO SERVE ME?
AT LEAST THAT PROVES YOU HAVE FREE WILL.
YOU'RE MUCH MORE THAN PUP-PETS. MORE THAN JUST DOLLS.

IT'S A SAD FATE ...
...TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO SAVE YOUR FAMILY AND COUNTRY ...
...JUST TO DEFEAT THE VAMPIRE KING DUZELL. DON'T YOU FIND IT A LITTLE STRANGE...
...THAT HE WANTED TO BE REBORN JUST TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN? ISN'T THAT A LITTLE SELFISH? TO CONTINUE THAT HORRIBLE SPIRAL?
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IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN IN A WAY, DUZELL'S WISH, MY WISH...
...AND PHELIOS' WISH ARE ALL THE SAME...
THAT'S ENOUGH!

YOUR MAJESTY FORGIVE ME
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE HAD THAT ON MY MIND.
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND.
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT THE PRINCESS THOUGHT ON THE MATTER.

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Act.17
WHAT I NEVER UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE LEGEND, WAS WHY ST. PHELIOS WANTED TO BE REBORN A CENTURY LATER?
...I WERE MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER ...
IF...
...I'D WANT TO BE REBORN JUST TO SEE HOW MY LOVED ONES ARE DOING.
WHAT IF...
WHAT IF...
...I WERE MY GREAT GRANDFATHER?

I JUST WANTED TO SEE MY SON ONCE MORE...
TO SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN?
SHUT UP, YOU WALKING CORPSE!
I WON-DER
...IF I WERE TO DIE HERE IN RAZENIA ...

THAT'S ALL I'D WANT.
TO BE ABLE TO SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN.
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BUT I COULDN'T CHANGE ANY OF THAT.
PRINCESS ISHTAR! THAT'S ENOUGH!
EVEN IF DUZIE WAS UGLY...
...KELD WAS BATTY...
...AND DARRES AND SELEN WERE TOGETHER ...

WHAT IF DUZIE GREW UP TO BE REALLY UGLY?
...HOW DARRES, KELD, DUZIE AND EVERYONE ELSE ...
WOULD KELD EVENTUALLY GO COMPLETELY BATTY?
...WOULD GET ALONG IF I WERE GONE.
AND BOY...I'D BE SO PISSED IF DARRES MARRIED SELEN.
WHAT? SELEN AND DARRES?
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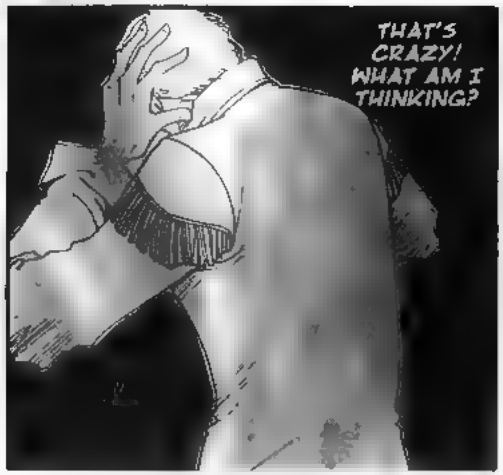
..THAT A DITZY LIL' GIRL WOULD NEVER UNDER-STAND.
Hee hee hee!
I'M SURE A GREAT SORCERER-KING LIKE ST. PHELIOS HAD HIS OWN REASONS FOR WANTING TO CONTROL HIS REINCARNA-TION
BUT THAT'S JUST ME!

WHAT I REALLY WANT IS TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE...


THAT'S CRAZY! WHAT AM I THINKING?

ARE YOU OKAY?

...IS FOR THEM TO BE HAPPY.

...I'D STILL LOVE THEM ALL.
ALL I'D WANT...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ERP!

VORD... MY SON. .
KING!
EVERYONE, LISTEN TO ME. THIS IS A ROYAL PROCLA-MATION ...
PRINCE VORD OF PHELIO-STA IS.
... REALLY MY SON

THESE LIKE RINGS ARE NOT AS POWERFUL AS SOME OTHERS, BUT THEY'RE STILL VERY PRECIOUS.
THEY CAN TAKE YOU ANY-WHERE THAT YOU CAN PICTURE IN YOUR MIND. BUT YOU CAN ONLY USE IT ONCE
DON'T LET ANYONE KNOW THEIR SECRET, AND KEEP THEM ON YOU AT ALL TIMES.
ONLY USE IT WHEN YOU'RE AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE.
THANKS, MOM...
LOOKS LIKE I'M KIND OF STUCK HERE. WHAT TO DO NEXT?
WHERE SHOULD I GO?
BUT I'VE ONLY GOT ONE CHANCE WITH THIS BAD BOY.
I COULD ALWAYS PLAY MY TRUMP CARD

VAMPS!!

PRINCE... ER... SON... BEFORE YOU CAME HERE...
...THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU.
BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, ALL THE SPEECHES I'D REHEARSED IN MY HEAD SEEM SILLY.
I'M HAPPY JUST TO BE HERE WITH YOU.
I WONDER IF I WAS TALKING TO THE REAL KING OF RAZENIA, OR TO WHOEVER IS PULLING HIS STRINGS.
I'VE GOT A FEELING I MIGHT NEVER KNOW.
DUZELL SAID THAT THE KING IS POSSESSED BY SOME-ONE ELSE.

MY DEAR LORD LASSEN
MY LIEGE
HE SUSPECTS NOTHING. YOUR TRAP IS SET
AS YOU INSTRUCTED, WE HAVE MADE OUR OFFER TO DUZELL
ALSO, THE KING OF RAZENIA HAS WRESTED CONTROL OF HIS BODY FROM LORD SHARLEN.
QUITE THE CAGE YOU'VE GOT HERE...
IF THESE CHARMS
...DON'T INSTANTLY TURN DUZELL INTO A SHRIEKING PILE OF DUST, THEY'LL AT LEAST HOLD HIM PRISONER.

"MY DEAR LORD LASSEN"? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WHY, HELLO, ILLSAIDE. I TRUST YOU'LL HAVE MORE SENSE THAN TO INTERFERE WITH MY AFFAIRS.
SHARLEN TOLD ME THAT IF I KNEW WHAT WAS GOOD FOR ME, I'D DISAPPEAR. BUT...
...I COULDN'T.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE WHAT I'M FEELING, BUT I LIKE YOU ALL.
NOT ONLY DUZELL, BUT ALSO SHARLEN, HUME...
...AND EVEN YOU, LASSEN.
!!
HEH HEH!
LORD LASSEN! YOU PROMISED NOT TO SAY ANYTHING!
BESIDES, I HAD NO IDEA THAT HUME AND SHARLEN WERE FALLING FOR YOU!
GO GET 'EM, TIGER!
IT'S TOO MUCH FUN NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN SOMETHING THIS BIG.
WHAT ABOUT SHARLEN?
SPEAKING OF SHARLEN, I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HIM.

LORD LASSEN!
What are you thinking?!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG. I DIDN'T MEAN THAT I LIKE YOU IN THAT WAY.

.....
I UNDER-STAND
THAT'S JUST TOO MANY PEOPLE TO LIKE ALL AT ONCE!
ILL-SAIDE! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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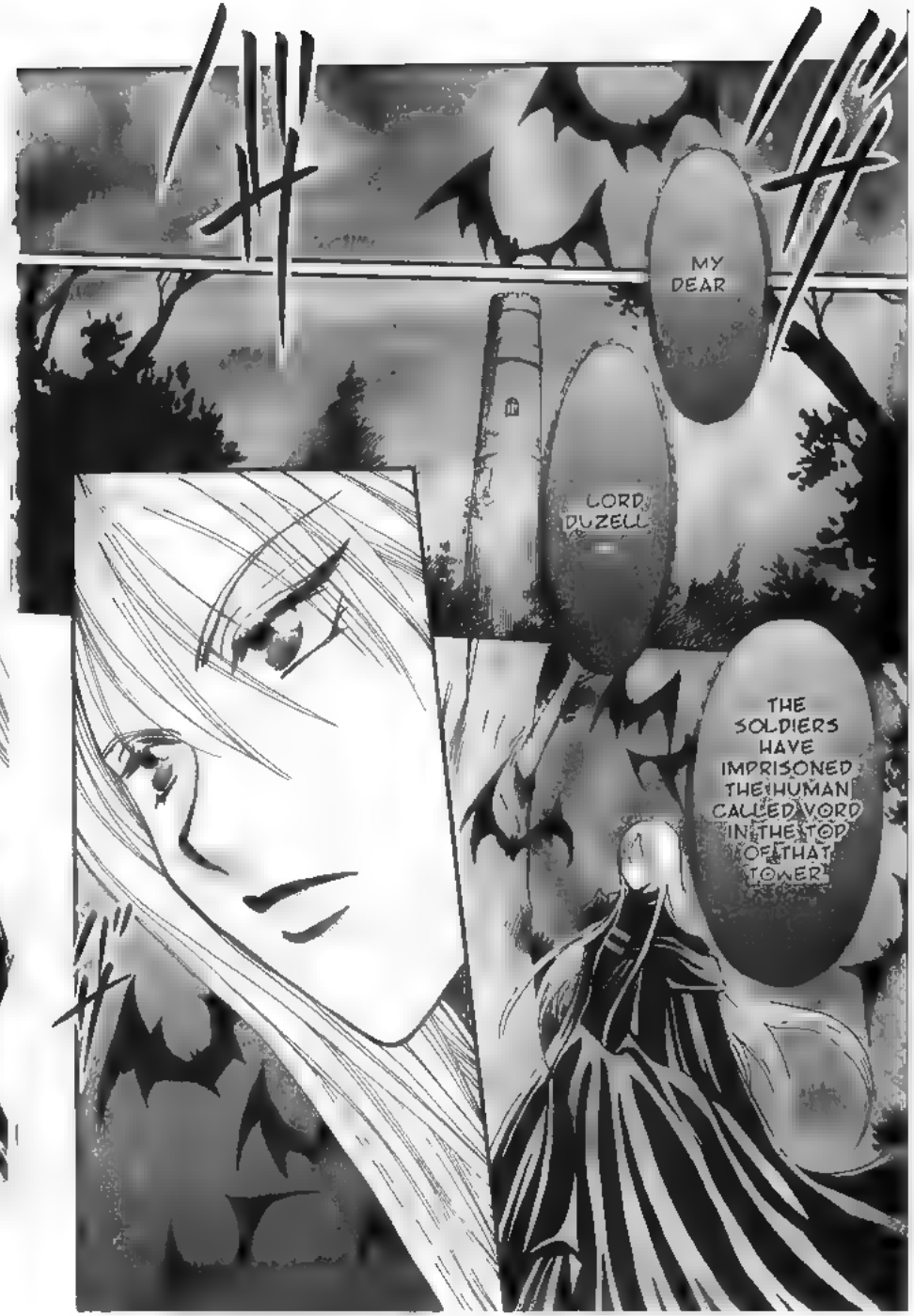

THAT LOOKS LIKE DUZELL DOWN THERE!
WHAT'S HE DOING SO FAR FROM ISHTAR?! HE MUST HAVE A PRETTY GOOD REASON FOR LEAVING HER ALONE.
OH.
HE'S COMING TO RESCUE ME.

MY DEAR
LORD CASSEN
YOUR TRAP IS SET, AND YOUR QUARRY HAS TAKEN THE BAIT
I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE USED AS BAIT OR A BARGAINING CHIP!
I GOT MYSELF INTO THIS MESS. AND I'LL GET MYSELF OUT OF IT!
CONSIDERING THE CIRCUM-STANCES...
...EVEN IF IT IS A ONE-SHOT, I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE!
ANYWAY, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS USE THIS.

YES, LORD.
EXCEL-LENT.
HUME, PLEASE TAKE MY MESSAGE TO ISHTAR.
SHARLEN WAS RIGHT.
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU DIDN'T GET MIXED UP IN ALL THIS. PLEASE GO. NOW.

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NO HARD FEEL-INGS!
SO BE IT, THEN.

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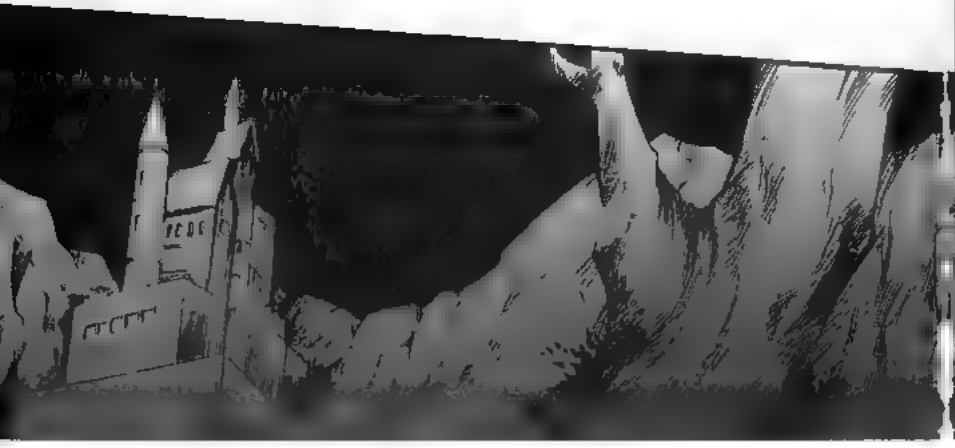
WHEN I'VE DEFEATED DUZELL AND ISHTAR...
...I WILL COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT.
BUT LASSEN ..
...WHAT IF ISHTAR COMES OUT ON TOP?



THEN...
...JOIN HER SIDE. THAT'S WHAT I'D DO.

SHARLEN ...
MY PRECIOUS SHARLEN...
THIS IS SOMETHING ...
...THAT I MUST DO.
IF I WERE MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER ...
...I'D WANT TO BE REBORN JUST TO SEE HOW MY LOVED ONES ARE DOING.
THAT'S ALL I'D WANT.
TO BE ABLE TO SEE MY FAMILY AGAIN.

IS IT TRUE THAT PRINCE VORD IS HIS SON?!
HOW IS HE?
HE SLEEPS WELL, BUT THE CAUSE OF HIS ILLNESS REMAINS A MYSTERY.
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING ELSE WE CAN DO
I SEE...

HEY THERE, ISH! LONG TIME NO SEE!
YOU!
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YES. IT'S TRUE.
CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG NOW.
VORD'S GONNA BE PISSED.
OOPS.

THEY'VE GOT DUZELL?
OH NO, MY DEAR. DON'T LOOK UP...
BE-CAUSE OVER THAT DOOR ...
VORD? ARE YOU IN THERE?

EASY WITH THAT SWORD, BIG FELLA! RE-MEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LAST CAT THAT DREW HIS BLADE IN HERE?
LORD LASSEN WANTED ME TO TELL YOU THAT WE'VE GOT VORD AND DUZELL. HE'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU.

LIKE WHAT I'VE DONE WITH THE PLACE? I'VE ADDED EVERY WARDING RUELLE I COULD SCRATCH UP TO THIS TOWER'S ALREADY IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION
?!

I KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE THAT EASY TO FINISH OFF A VAMPIRE KING.
BUT STILL, YOU'RE TRAPPED, AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU THOUGHT YOUR WALL HANGINGS WERE GOING TO TAKE ME OUT, THINK AGAIN!
IT WAS A TRAP. DAMN!
EITHER WAY, BY MORNING ISHTAR WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.
AND BY DAWN, YOU MIGHT JUST BE WEAK ENOUGH THAT IT'D BE A FAIR FIGHT.
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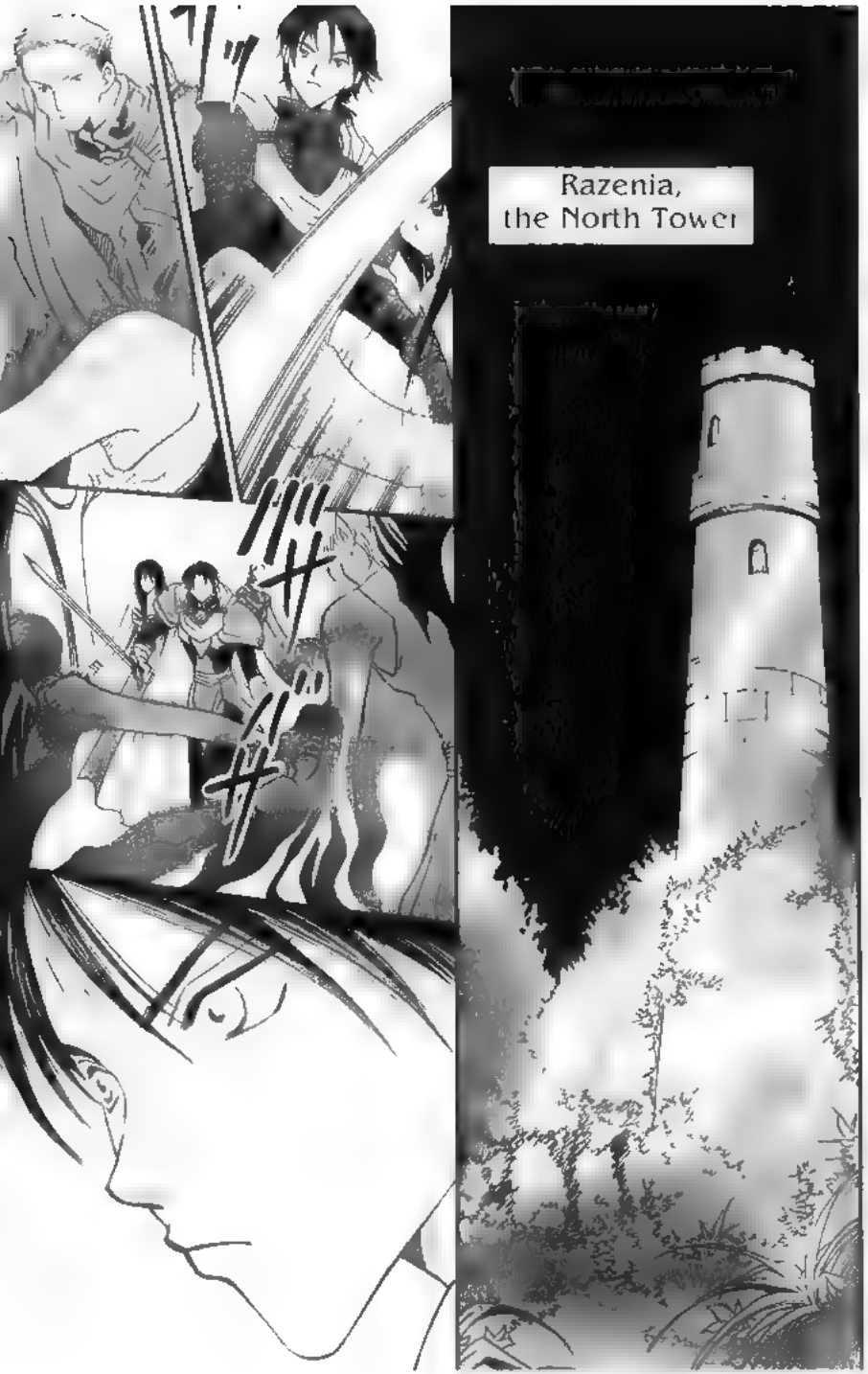
THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT FULFILLING PHELIOS' PROPHESY.
ISHTAR!!

DUZELL AND DARRES CAN TAKE CARE OF LASSEN AND HIS CREEPY FANS.
I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THE MIL SEII FORCE NOW.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO THAT ASHLEY CAN'T.
COULD BE WORSE.
I HAVE TO DEAL WITH RAZENIA.
WHAT'S THE LATEST WITH MIL SEII'S ARMY? WHERE IS IT?
I NEED YOUR LILKE RING AND SEILIEZ'S!
SORRY BRO, BUT I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO TALK.
WOW.
BUT ASHLEY IS GRAVELY OUTNUMBERED. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER THEY CAN HOLD OUT.
LAST WE HEARD, ASHLEY HAD TAKEN OVER COMMAND OF THE ROYAL GUARD AND THEY'D OUTMANEUVERED THE MIL SEII FORCE.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I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU, SEILIEZ.
ARE YOU OKAY, VORD?
ME?
IT'S SOMETHING ONLY YOU CAN DO.

MOM ...
I'D LOVE TO JOIN IN THE FUN, BUT SOMEONE'S GOT TO STAND WATCH OVER THE KING. YOU BOYS HAVE A GOOD TIME!
IT'S A HOLY SWORD, LIKE SIDIA. NOT AS POWERFUL, BUT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY VAMPS!
OH, I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU!

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HERE! YOU MIGHT NEED THIS!

I KINDA UNDERSTAND HOW LASSEN COULD HAVE CAPTURED VORD...
...BUT HOW'D HE MANAGE TO GET A HOLD OF DUZIE?
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DARRES, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT I NEVER FOUND A GOOD TIME.
BUT DUZELL IS REALLY--
COME TO THINK OF IT...
.....
WHICH DUZELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Vampire King
Pet kyaw!
My personal doctor
DARRES STILL THINKS ALL THE DUZELLS ARE DIFFERENT!
IT'S TOO COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT.
NEVER MIND.

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU, DARRES...
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
IT'S NOT A STORY
JUST SOMETHING I HAVE TO SAY.
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IF WE MAKE IT THROUGH ALL THIS...
...I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO TELL YOU, DARRES!
ALL THE PLACES, DUZIE AND I WENT, AND WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT...
...AND HOW WE FOOLED YOU EVERY TIME!

SORRY!
They were trying to help you out!
YOU CAN TRY AND HELP THEM IF YOU WANT, BUT TRY NOT TO GET IN THEIR WAY.
I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH. GALAHAD IS WITH THEM, AND DARRES KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND A SWORD.
DAMN T.
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NOT AT ALL!
Yes.
ARE YOU SAYING I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF MY-SELF?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO SAVE ME? WHAT FOR?

COME BACK HERE WITH THAT!
I'LL BRING IT BACK IF I SURVIVE! THANKS FOR EVERY-THING, SELEN!
LET ME SEE THAT!
YOU CAN'T EVEN DRAW IT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HEY! YOU'RE WEARING SIDIA!
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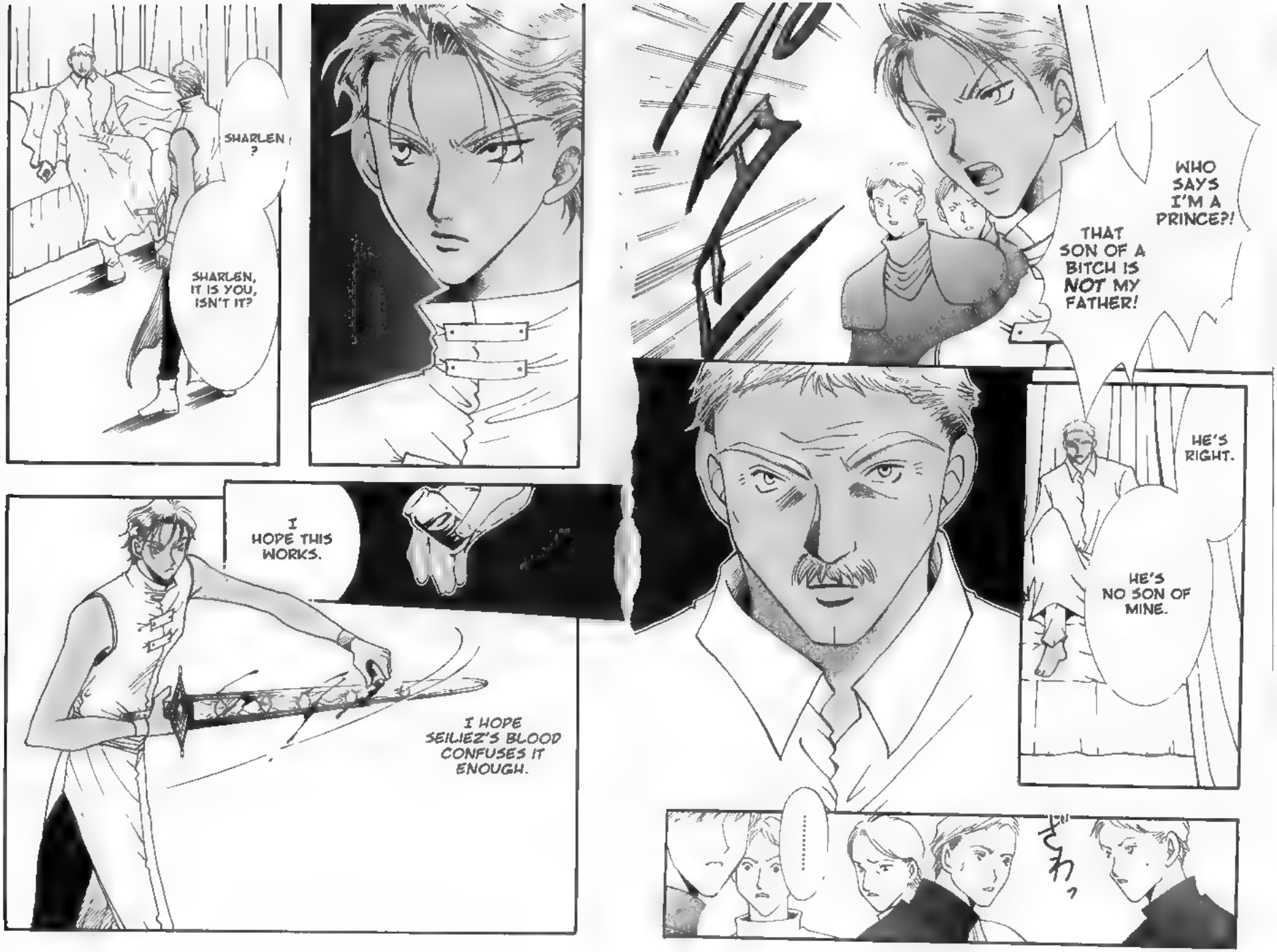
...PRINCESS ISHTAR ASKED ME TO KEEP IT SAFE IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER AS A FINAL BAR-GAINING CHIP
.. AND IT'S KIND OF THE SYMBOL OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF PHELIOSTA..
BUT SINCE ONLY THOSE OF ROYAL BLOOD CAN DRAW IT ...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF DARRES OR GALAHAD COULD USE IT.
OH, THIS OLD THING?

...FOR MAKING YOU HIS TOOL! HIS WEAPON! I SWEAR IT!
HALT!
NO ONE BUT THE HEALERS ARE TO ENTER! NOT EVEN YOU, PRINCE!
YOU SEE, SHARLEN, HE WOULD SACRIFICE HIMSELF ...
...TO PROTECT THE ONES HE LOVES AGAINST THE VAMPIRE KING. I CAN DO NO LESS.
MOM! DON'T DO THIS! DON'T LET HIM DO THIS TO YOU!
YOUR FATHER WILL BE BACK TO SEE HOW YOU'VE GROWN UP...
.AND I'LL BE THERE TO KILL HIM...


SHARLEN?
SHARLEN, IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT?
WHO SAYS I'M A PRINCE?!
THAT SON OF A BITCH IS NOT MY FATHER!
HE'S RIGHT.
HE'S NO SON OF MINE.
I HOPE THIS WORKS.
I HOPE SEILIEZ'S BLOOD CONFUSES IT ENOUGH.
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WELL, EITHER WAY, THIS WILL ALL BE OVER SOON.
THIS BODY'S JUST ABOUT DONE.

SIDIA, AWAKE!
WHAT A CLEVER BOY.
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I DON'T CARE ABOUT FINDING PHELIOS' REINCARNATION ANYMORE.
IF VORD KILLS ME NOW, RAZENIA'S ARMY WILL LEVEL PHELIOSTA.
VORD AND PHELIOS' OTHER DESCENDENTS WILL BE EXECUTED.
DIE, VAMPIRE-DAD-GUY!
OF COURSE YOU REALIZE
...THAT THE SAME THING'S GOING TO HAPPEN...
WHETHER YOU KILL ME, OR I KILL YOU!
DIDN'T YUUJEL TELL YOU THAT? BEFORE I KILLED HIM, THAT IS?

YOU WALKING CORPSE! SHUT UP!
VORD, MY SON ...
.....?
YUUJEL!! YOU BASTARD!
PRINCE VORD! STOP NOW!

!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME. PLEASE FORGIVE YOUR POOR, OLD FATHER.
HIGH-NESS, NO!!
THIS COULD BE ANOTHER VAMPIRE TRICK...
HEY, YOU'RE THE KING OF RAZENIA AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?!
SON...
I'M SO HAPPY I GOT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

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王都篇
Act.20

NOOOO!!

Doubt it. He's from here remember?
MAYBE HE GOT LOST?
I CAN'T LET GALAHAD GET KILLED!
HE'S THE ONLY THING KEEPING SELEN AND DARRES APART.
...GALAHAD GO?
HUH?
I'M GUESSING WE GO UP
?!

VORD...?
I THOUGHT I JUST HEARD VORD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I DIDN'T HEAR ANY-THING.
I MUST'VE JUST IMAGINED IT
HEY, WHERE'D

HUME SAID THEY WERE AT THE TOP.
IT'S GOT TO BE A TRAP, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER CHOICE WE HAVE.
NO SIGN OF LASSEN SO FAR.
MIGHT AS WELL GET IT OVER WITH.
HE'S AMAZING!

I DON'T HAVE A FANCY TITLE.
BESIDES ...
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FUNNY, HE DOESN'T LOOK MUCH LIKE A VAMPIRE...
NO... HE'S A MONSTER!
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ARE YOU A VAMPIRE LORD?
WHAT IS YOUR NAME? YOUR TITLE?

ISHTAR IS IN DANGER AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT!
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
THIS IS A FINE MESS!
...I'M NOT EVEN A VAMPIRE, SO YOU'RE WASTING YOUR HOLY MAGIC ON ME.
IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING.

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RAIN...?
IT WAS CLEAR OUT EARLIER. IT MUST BE ILL-SAIDE .
IT'S A NEAT TRICK. EVEN THOUGH HE'S PART MONSTER, HE USES HUMAN MAGIC TO MAKE IT RAIN, AMPLIFY-ING HIS WATER MAGIC.
BY DAWN, I'LL BE WEAK AS A KITTEN ...
THESE RUELLES CANCEL EVERY ONE OF MY SPELLS! IT'S ALL I CAN DO JUST TO STAY ALIVE!
IT'S NO GOOD

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HIS MAGIC IS GETTING EVEN STRONGER!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LAST MUCH LONGER. I HAVE TO STOP HIM SOMEHOW!!
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HE'S AN AMAZING FENCER! EVEN BETTER THAN SELEN...
I'M GLAD THAT I MADE HER STAY BEHIND!
I'D FEEL RESPON-SIBLE IF
.....
A MONSTER, USING HUMAN MAGIC ...?!
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BOOM!
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I'LL HAVE TO TRY SOME-THING ELSE.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN OUTFIGHT HIM!
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WHERE'D HE GO? DID I GET HIM?
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I HAVE NO CHOICE ...
KA-BOOM!

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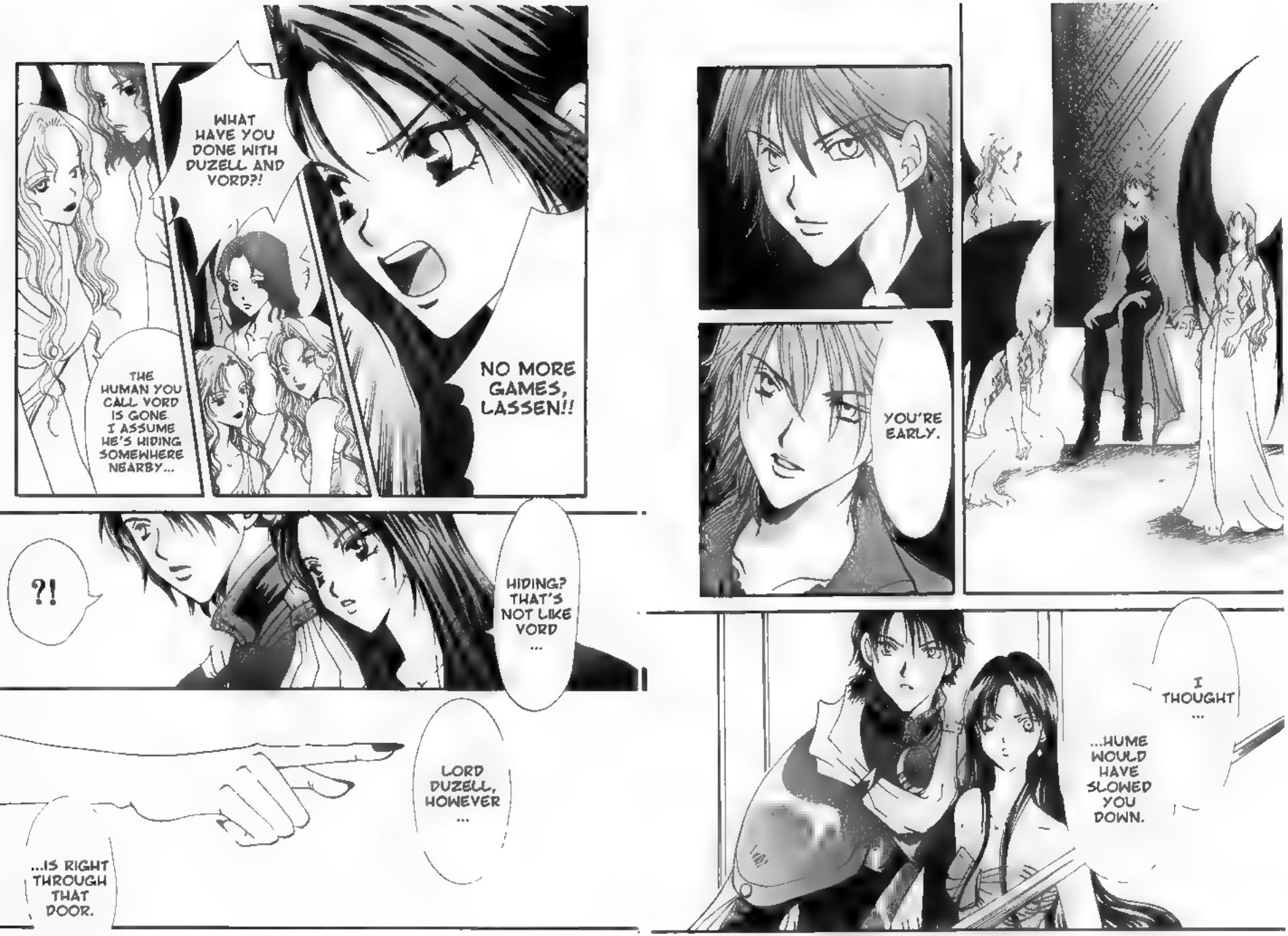
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH DUZELL AND VORD?!
THE HUMAN YOU CALL VORD IS GONE. I ASSUME HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE NEARBY...
NO MORE GAMES, LASSEN!!
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HIDING? THAT'S NOT LIKE VORD ...
LORD DUZELL, HOWEVER ...
...IS RIGHT THROUGH THAT DOOR.
YOU'RE EARLY.
I THOUGHT ...
...HUME WOULD HAVE SLOWED YOU DOWN.

ALTHOUGH HE'S GROWING WEAKER EVERY HOUR HE SPENDS IN THERE..
...BUT I'D NEED SIDIA TO FINISH HIM OFF.
I FIGURED OUT HOW TO HOLD HIM IN THERE ...
...WE STILL HAVE SOME THINGS TO WORK OUT, OL' DUZELL AND ME.
I'M HOPING ...
...TO SNUFF HIM WITHOUT HAVING TO USE THE LA GAMME SPELL. BUT DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES.

WHY WOULD I YOU NEED THE LA GAMME SPELL TO KILL DUZELL ..?
HE'S GOING TO KILL DUZIE!!
WAIT A SECOND ..
YOU'LL TOUCH DUZIE OVER MY DEAD BODY!
PRINCESS, IS DUZELL REALLY--

AND SO WE HAVE COME TO THIS.
ARE YOU READY ...
...TO DIE?!!

THANK YOU, DARRES.
I DON'T CARE WHO HE REALLY IS...
...IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT HIM...
...I'LL FIGHT FOR BOTH OF YOU.

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王都編
Act.21

DARRES STARTED OUT ON THE OFFENSE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE LASSEN'S PRESSING HIM HARD.
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I HAVE TO PROTECT ISHTAR!!
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王都篇
Act.21

LASSEN, WHAT'S THIS INCENSE DO?!!
WHY ARE ALL THESE WINDOWS SHUTTERED?
TO KEEP THE NIGHT AIR OUT? OR TO KEEP THIS INCENSE IN?
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DARRES!!
DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS. I'M SURE SIR KELD HAS MADE SURE …
…THAT YOU'RE IMMUNE TO THIS PRIMITIVE POISON.
I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D CATCH ON.
IT'S POISON ?!

AND WHY ARE THOSE VAMPS JUST WATCHING THE FIGHT?
ARE THESE RUELLES KEEPING LASSEN FROM USING HIS MAGIC?
WHAT'S THAT?
WILL THEY JUMP IN IF THINGS START TO TURN AGAINST LASSEN?

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHEN THE RAIN AMPLIFIED HIS POWER THAT HE'S A WATER MONSTER!
I FEEL KIND OF BAD TRICKING HIM LIKE THAT.
BUT, ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR.
THAT LAST SPELL BLINDSIDED HIM! HE SEEMS TO BE UNCONSCIOUS.
YOU FOUGHT WELL, MONSTER! BUT NOW YOU DIE!

...ONCE HE'S FREE...
IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO...
...I'VE GOT TO OPEN THAT DOOR. IF IT'S REALLY THE VAMPIRE DUZELL IN THERE...
...HE'LL TAKE CARE OF ISHTAR.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET THROUGH LASSEN.
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HOLD!
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PRINCESS, I'M ALL RIGHT.
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I'VE MADE A DECISION.
NOBODY'S PERFECT.
OF THE TWO, LORD LASSEN MIGHT BE THE BETTER LEADER.
HE IS RUTHLESS, AMBITIOUS AND STRONG.
I WILL SERVE THE STRONGEST LEADER.
EVEN IF HE'S MERELY A HUMAN.
HE REMINDS ME OF KING DUZELL IN HIS GLORY DAYS.
THAT IS MY ROLE. THAT IS MY PLACE.
TOO BAD HE'S ONLY A HUMAN.

I BRING WORD.
OUR LORD SHARUEN IS DEAD.
MAYBE IT IS BEST.
HE WAS SUFFERING SO.

LORD DJZELL SAID WE HAD FREE WILL.
THAT WE WERE MORE THAN JUST HIS DOLLS
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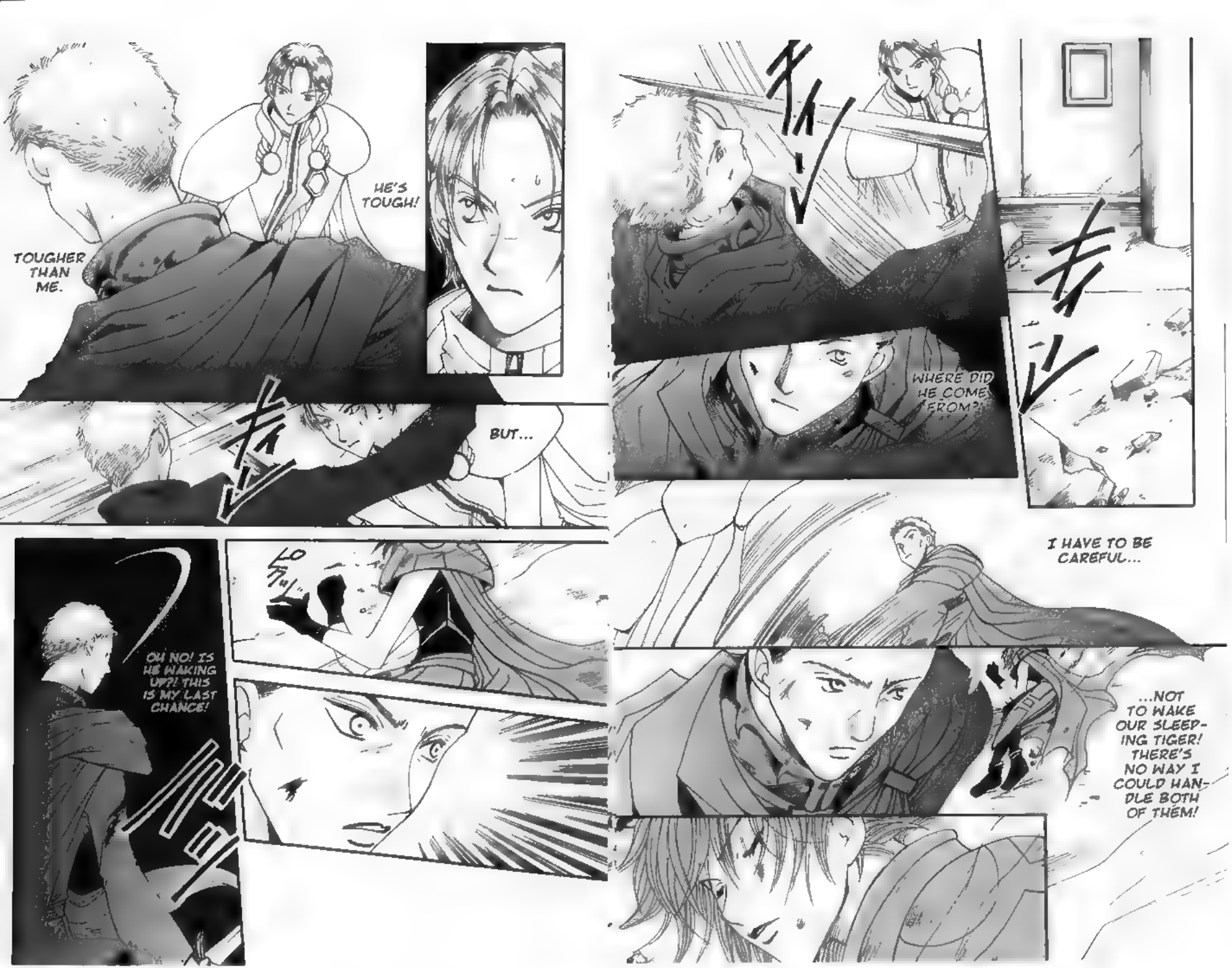
THAT IS HOW I EXERCISE MY FREE WILL.
?
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-NG?
I WILL SERVE MY K NG ONE LAST TIME. IN H S HOUR OF NEED, I W LL DEL VER H M.

I WILL.
AS WILL I.
ME, TOO
I AS WELL.
ME, TOO
WHO WILL SERVE WITH ME?
I DON:T KNOW


HE'S TOUGH!
TOUGHER THAN ME.
BUT...
WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL...
...NOT TO WAKE OUR SLEEPING TIGER! THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HANDLE BOTH OF THEM!
OH NO! IS HE WAKING UP?! THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE!

ILLSAIDE!!
THUNk!
HE'S NOT...
...WHAT YOU THINK. HE'S ONLY HALF WATER-MONSTER...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DID THAT VAMP BREAK RANKS?
?!
DARRES! HELP HER OUT!
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO...
?!
PLEASE... DON'T KILL HIM...
HUME...
PLUS, HE ISN'T AS BAD AS... YOU THINK HE IS. HE'S JUST CONFUSED.
PLEASE ...
...GIVE HIM ONE MORE CHANCE.

...COVER HER WHILE SHE OPENS THE DOOR!! I'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE!
I'LL TRY.
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?
YOU'RE BACKING A LOSING TEAM!
OPEN THAT DOOR
AND YOU'LL DESTROY EVERY-THING WE'VE WORKED FOR THESE LAST 100 YEARS!
DARRES ...
IF WE MAKE IT THROUGH THIS, YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO...

YOU'RE ALL DEAD. YOU JUST DON'T KNOW IT YET.
Razenia Castle
I HATE WAITING AROUND LIKE THIS! I FEEL SO USELESS!
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN HOLD ON...
THAT POISON INCENSE IS STARTING TO GET TO ME...
I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.
OPEN IT!
HURRY!
FINE.
LET HIM OUT.

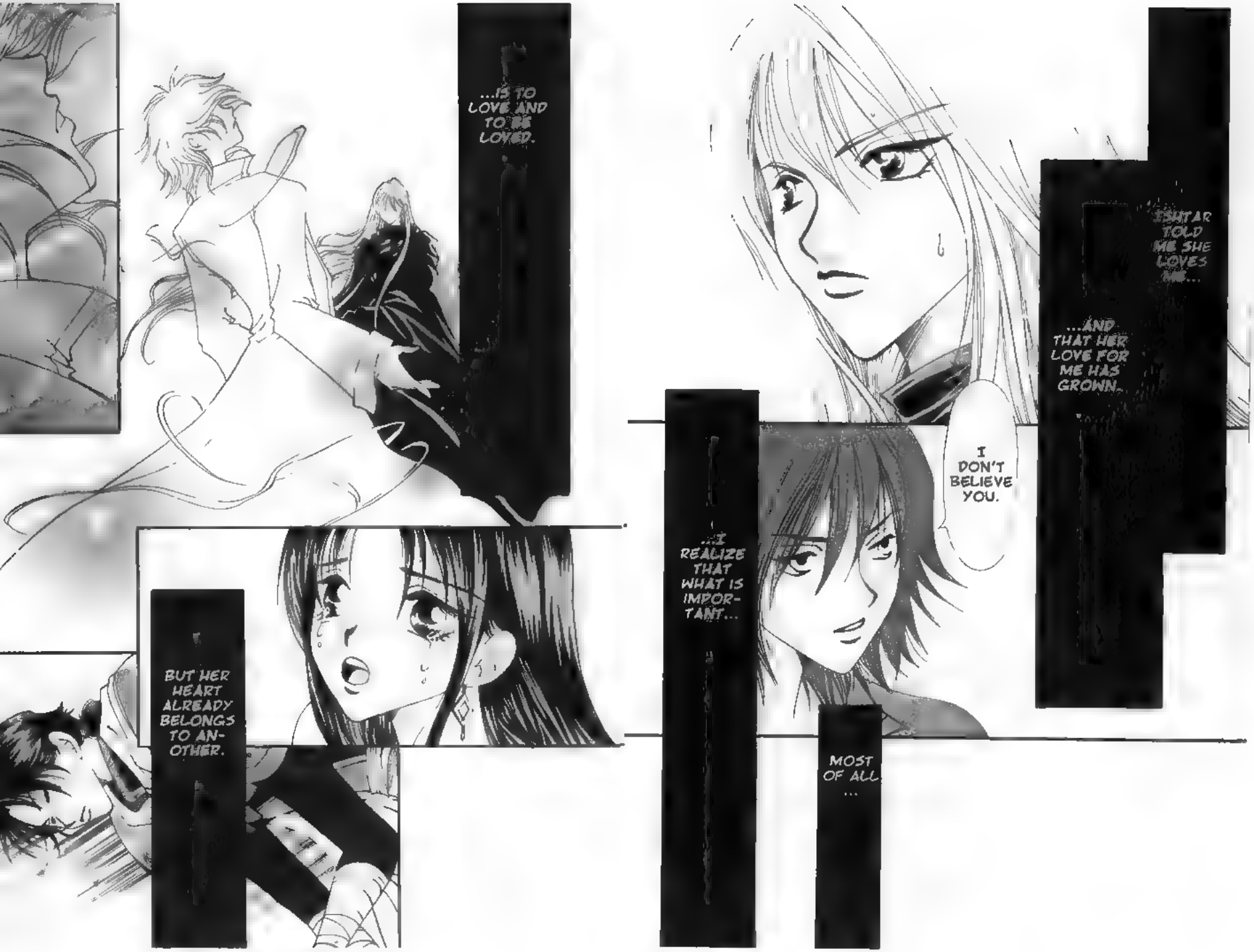
FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE KING'S ROLE IN ALL OF THIS IS OVER.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO HERE
THE SLEEPING POTION PUT PRINCE VORD OUT LIKE A LIGHT.
HE HAD THIS IN HIS HAND.
IT'S A LILKE RING.
HE PROBABLY ...WAS GOING TO TRY AND TELEPORT INTO THE THICK OF THINGS!
DAD... CAN I CALL YOU THAT?
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. LET'S GET OVER TO THE TOWER.
I IMAGINE THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN NEED OF A HEALER.
LOOK AFTER HIM.

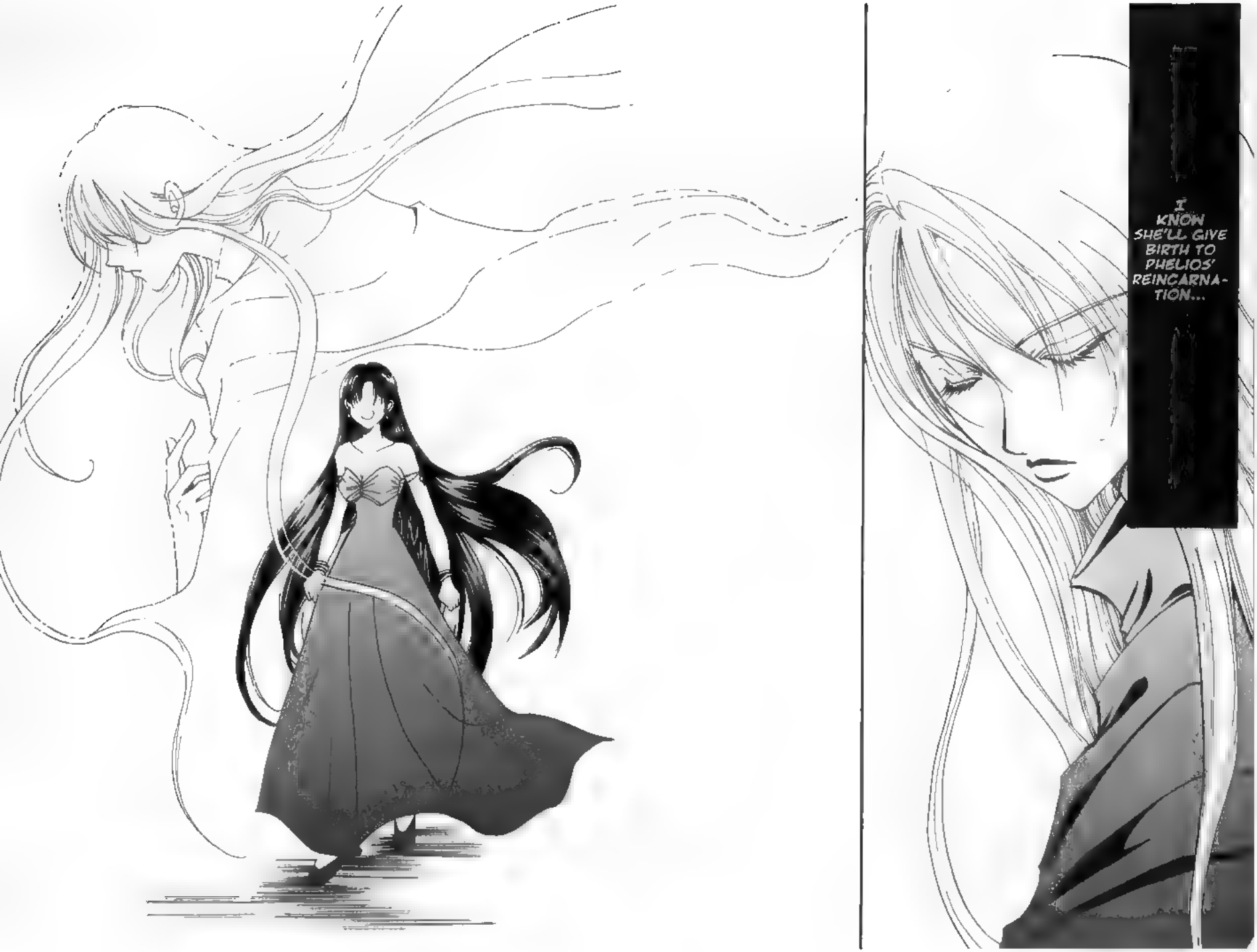
I WATCHED ISHTAR STUDYING THIS SPELL SO MANY TIMES THAT IT'S BEEN BURNED IN MY BRAIN.
ME, NEITHER
BUT I DIDN'T THINK I COULD ACTUALLY USE IT.
I WONDER IF IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE RUELLES DAMPENING MY OTHER POWERS..
WOW ...
I HAD NO IDEA THAT A VAMPIRE COULD USE HOLY MAGIC. LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY
DUZELL!
YOU DO REALIZE ...
...THAT HOLY MAGIC IS WHOLLY USELESS AGAINST HUMANS LIKE MYSELF.

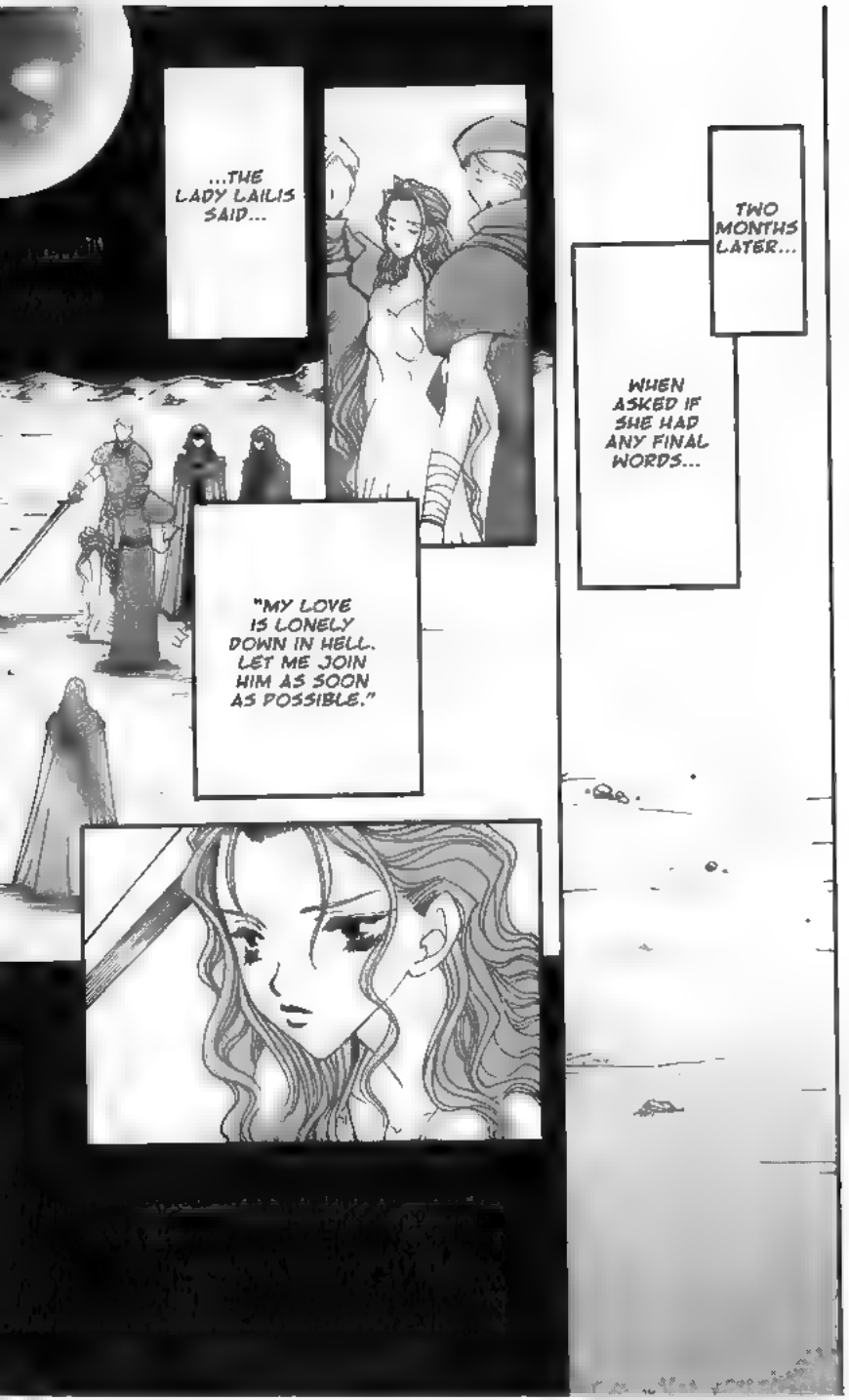
HE'S USING HOLY MAGIC?!
YAAIIIIEEE!!
HPT
!!
WE HAVE TO CLOSE THAT DOOR!
THE RUELLES IN THERE WON'T LET US USE OUR MAGIC!

YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS, ARE YOU?!
YOU'LL RUIN EVERY-THING!
DUZELL! STOP! IT'S NOT WORTH IT!

NOT TRUE. THERE'S ONE SPELL...
DUZIE! NO!
I HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK IN THAT ROOM.
THE SPELL OF "LA GAMME"... THE ONE THAT TOOK PHELIOS AND ME OUT LAST TIME AROUND, THAT WOULD WORK...
SAY THAT...

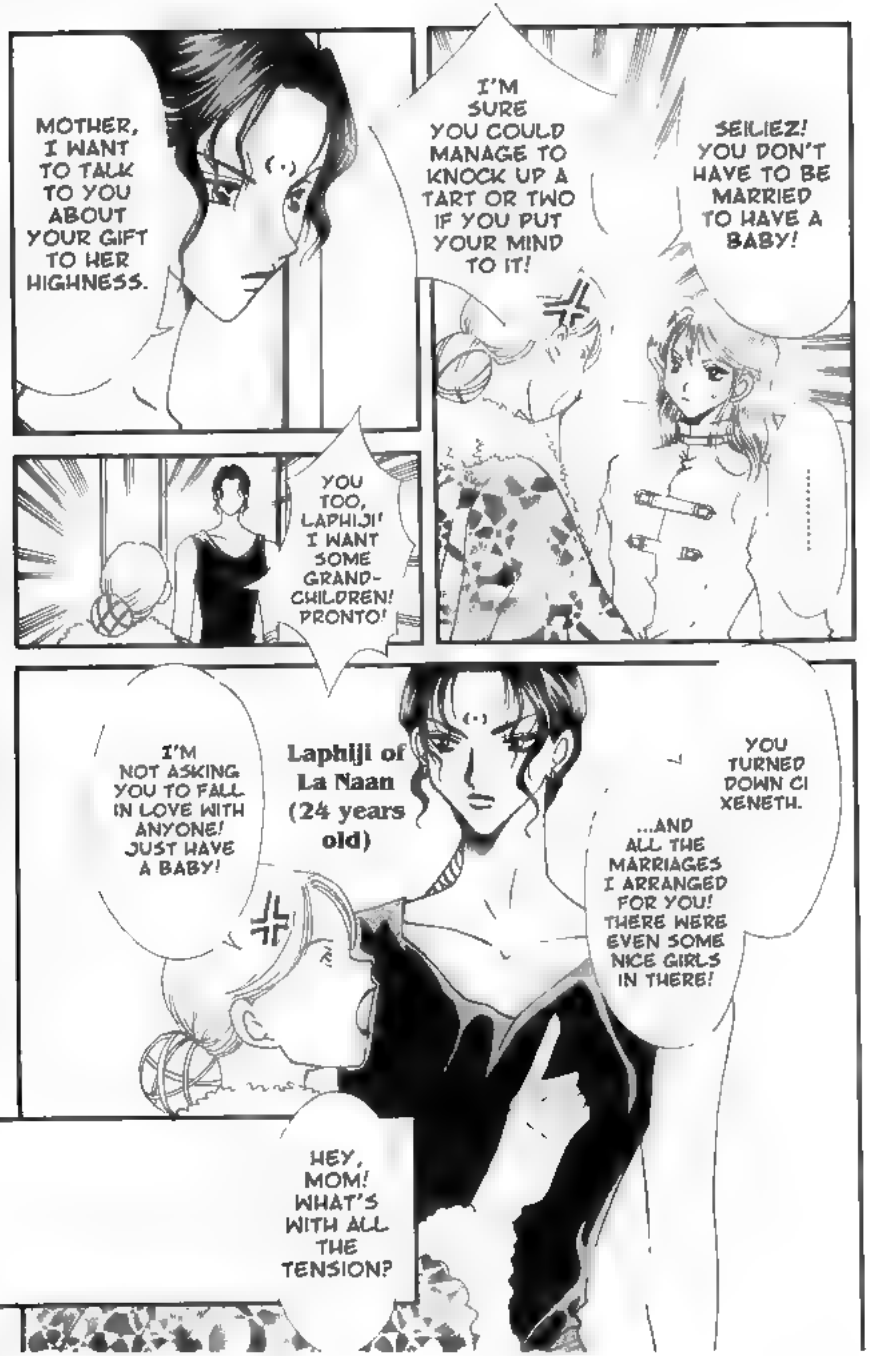

...IS TO LOVE AND TO BE LOVED.
BUT HER HEART ALREADY BELONGS TO ANOTHER.
...I REALIZE THAT WHAT IS IMPORTANT...
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
ISHTAR TOLD ME SHE LOVES ME...
...AND THAT HER LOVE FOR ME HAS GROWN.
MOST OF ALL...


I KNOW SHE'LL GIVE BIRTH TO PHELIOS' REINCARNA-TION...


...THE LADY LAILIS SAID...
TWO MONTHS LATER...
WHEN ASKED IF SHE HAD ANY FINAL WORDS...
"MY LOVE IS LONELY DOWN IN HELL. LET ME JOIN HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

DUZIE!

FIVE YEARS LATER...
DEAR GALAHAD, I HOPE ALL IS WELL AT HOME. I'M SORRY TO SAY I'LL HAVE TO STAY IN PHELIOSTA A LITTLE LONGER.
THE QUEEN GAVE BIRTH EARLIER THAN EXPECTED. AND LET ME TELL YOU, SHE'S GOT HER HANDS FULL!
MAYBE I CAN CONVINCE THE KING OF RAZENIA TO COME PAY HIS RESPECTS ...
...AND THEN YOU COULD COME WITH HIM!
THAT WAY I COULD SEE YOU SOONER! IT'S WORTH A TRY...
LOVE, SELEN.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
GENERAL GALAHAD! WE HAVE A PROBLEM...
HMM ...
WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS AT THE FOOT OF MT MEKUDO.
ONLY THREE OF US SURVIVED
CRIMSON HAIR ...?!
THAT'S HORRIBLE!
WE WILL OUTFIT A FORCE TO PUNISH THOSE BANDITS IMMEDIATELY.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE, GENERAL! WE WERE SAVED BY THIS GUY WITH CRIMSON HAIR! AFTER HE FOUND OUT THAT WE WERE RAZENIAN SOLDIERS...


MOTHER, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR GIFT TO HER HIGHNESS.
I'M SURE YOU COULD MANAGE TO KNOCK UP A TART OR TWO IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT!
SELLIEZ! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MARRIED TO HAVE A BABY!
YOU TOO, LAPHIJI! I WANT SOME GRAND-CHILDREN! PRONTO!
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ANYONE! JUST HAVE A BABY!
Laphiji of La Naan (24 years old)
YOU TURNED DOWN CI XENETH.
...AND ALL THE MARRIAGES I ARRANGED FOR YOU! THERE WERE EVEN SOME NICE GIRLS IN THERE!
HEY, MOM! WHAT'S WITH ALL THE TENSION?

"...I RESPECT THE FIGHTING MEN OF RAZE-NIA."
HE SAID SOME-THING STRANGE LIKE...
HE DIDN'T LOOK MORE THAN 20, BUT HIS MAGIC WAS MORE POWER-FUL THAN ANY WIZARD I'VE EVER SEEN!
COULD IT BE?
HE WAS INCRED-IBLE!
La Naan Castle
I HAVE THREE SONS WHO ARE OLDER THAN SHE IS!
AND I'M STILL NOT A GRAND-MOTHER!
ISHTAR'S GIVEN BIRTH!
Sellez of La Naan (26 years old)
NOT AGAIN!
LOOK, VORD IS MARRIED. WHY DON'T YOU HASSLE HIM?

IF ONLY SHE HAD HAD A GIRL..
..WE COULD HAVE MARRIED HER TO OUR SON.
LEENE, ARE YOU PLANNING HIS FUTURE ALREADY?!
Ashley of Zi Alda (29 years old)
Leene, First Lady of Zi Alda (29 years old)
SO THE ROYAL HOUSE HAS AN HEIR..
.. AND NO SON OF MINE WOULD BE CAUGHT DEAD WITH A GIRL LIKE THAT!
ISHTAR WAS ALWAYS A TOMBOY ANYWAY.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IF SHE HAD A GIRL, SHE'D PROBABLY TURN OUT JUST LIKE HER MOTHER
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WITH ALL OF LORD YUUJEL'S FLINGS...
...HE NEVER LEFT EVEN ONE CHILD BEHIND...
.....

King Vord of Razenia (23 years old)
VORD!
WE BROUGHT YOU THESE SWEETS FROM RAZENIA'S BEST BAKERY, MOM!
Queen Falan of Razenia (22 years old)
DID YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS?
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? WHERE'S YOUR BABY? GET BUSY!
THERE'S BEEN AN ADDITION TO THE FAMILY!
NO WAY.
BUT I'M JUST AFRAID MY WIFE WILL STOP TAKING CARE OF ME IF SHE'S GOT A BABY TO WORRY ABOUT!
WE'RE WORKING ON IT!
Zi Alda
Just kidding, Mom!
VORD!! BABY! NOW!

General Darres of Pheliosta (32 years old)
SURE HAVE! BUT WE'RE GOING WITH PHELIOS AND DUZELL. NATCH!
Queen Ishtar of Pheliosta (20 years old)
WELL, WE KICKED AROUND SOME OTHER NAMES ...
...BUT THOSE TWO JUST FIT!
You remember! I guess you're not senile after all
REMEMBER WHEN YOU PICKED UP THAT WILDCAT YEARS AGO? YOU SAID THE SAME RIDICULOUS THING!
BE SERIOUS, YOUR MAJESTY!
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?!
IF YUUJEL HAD A BASTARD SON, I'D WAIT TILL HE WAS GROWN UP, AND RUN OFF WITH HIM!
.....
IF HE HAD, AND IF HIS CHILD WAS A GIRL...
MAYBE THEN WE WOULD MAKE HER OUR SON'S FIANCEE
I MISS HIM SO MUCH...
JUST KIDDING.
Pheliosta Castle
YOUR MAJESTY, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE NAMES I SUGGEST-ED?

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE! TO HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL TWIN BOYS!
THE ONE WITH BLACK HAIR LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I THOUGHT SO, TOO!
THE BLOND ONE IS PHELIOS AND THE BLACK-HAIRED ONE IS DUZELL.
I'M GUESSING THEY PROBABLY WON'T GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER, AND THAT IT'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE FROM HERE ON IN!
I TOLD DUZIE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY FIT?!
WHICH REMINDS ME! IT'S TIME GALAHAD AND I CHOSE OUR OWN FATE!
General Selen of Phelosta (55 years old)
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU CALL THEM. A CHILD WILL CHOOSE HIS OWN FATE.
MOM! YOU CAN'T GO!
BUT
AFTER ALL, DARRES, IT WAS YOUR CHOICE TO STAY IN THE MILITARY INSTEAD OF BECOMING KING!
WE WANT TO RETIRE! WHAT DO YOU NEED TWO GENERALS AROUND FOR ANYWAYS?

...IT WAS A PROMISE...

NO ...

...I WOULD GIVE BIRTH TO HIS REINCARNATION.

IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO.

...THAT IF HE GOT KILLED THIS TIME AROUND...

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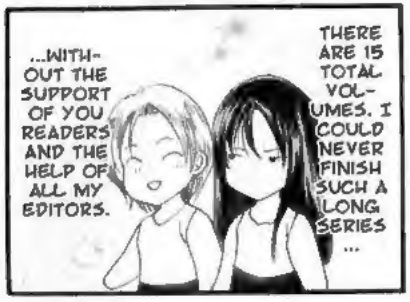
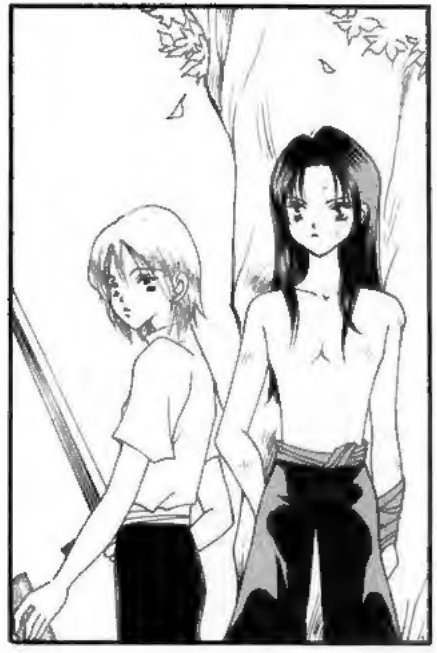
FIN

Thank You!


...WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF YOU READERS AND THE HELP OF ALL MY EDITORS.
THERE ARE 15 TOTAL VOLUMES. I COULD NEVER FINISH SUCH A LONG SERIES ...

The Final Farewell...



A Farewell to Pheliosta

So that's it. The last volume of Vampire Game. Man, am I ever going to miss it.

I was given Vampire Game to edit (first as an associate editor, then as the editor proper) a few weeks after I started at TOKYOPOP, and of all the manga series that have been assigned to me, it's the one I've been on the longest. But when I first started on the title, I never expected it to have the sort of impact on me that it has. Vampire books are a dime a dozen, and although I love a good vampire tale as much as the next guy, they all tend to be pretty similar. Think about it. When was the last time you read a vampire book that was truly original?

Heh... That's a dumb question. After all, you're reading one.

Vampire Game is unique. It's a vampire story where the vampire is very much in the background. It's a tale that's full of intrigue, corruption and magic and is set in a fantasy world that can hold its own with Middle Earth, Narnia and Discworld. And yet, Vampire Game is no more a fantasy than it is a horror story. It's a coming-of-age comedy. After all, while Duzell's a big part of this story and has a strong influence on the characters in it, this isn't his story. Not really. This is Ishtar's book, and it's about her journey from childhood to adulthood, as she accepts her responsibility as the future ruler of Pheliosta and ascends into her position as Queen. It's a journey that all of us have to make in our own way (though most of us don't have the assistance of a vampire king to help us through it!).

However, as a manga series, Vampire Game represents more than just this. As of today, there are more than 40,000 copies of Vampire Game Vol. 1 in print. That's not a bad number for a graphic novel, especially considering that Vampire Game is the only manga series by Judal to be licensed and reprinted in English (so far) and that it came out at the same time as such highly anticipated and buzzed-about manga titles as Chobits, Love Hina and MARS. When you also consider that Vampire Game lacks an accompanying anime (a fact that's nearly criminal in my mind), this number seems downright breathtaking. Over time, this series has been gaining fans, and it's been gaining them through nothing more than good word of mouth.

So what does it mean? Well, to me it demonstrates that it's possible, even in this era of massive marketing campaigns and anime on network TV, for a series without much going for it other than a compelling story and solid artwork to find an audience. Even better, with so many readers just discovering it, it suggests that Vampire Game will continue to be read well into the future. And that, my fellow fans, makes it just a little bit easier to say goodbye.

Tim Beedle
Editor
July 2006

Then After 20 Years...
DUZELL IS A YOUNG MAN ...
NO WAY.
MARRY ME!
CAUSE YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR ME! YOU'RE SKINNIER THAN I AM! AND I'M YOUR MOM!
GIVE ME A GOOD REA-SON!
WHY NOT ?!
HERE WE GO AGAIN...!!!
EH?
.....
SO WHAT?
10 Years Later...
LOOK! IT'S THE 10-YEAR-OLD PRINCES DUZELL AND PHELIOS!
I KNOW.
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU. I MEAN IT.
BUT I'LL PROTECT YOU, EVEN IF I HAVE TO USE THE "LA GAMME" SPELL!
REALLY ?
THEY'RE CUTE AT THAT AGE!
DON'T CRY, BRO!
DON'T DO THAT! I HATE THAT SPELL!
IT MAKES ME QUEASY.

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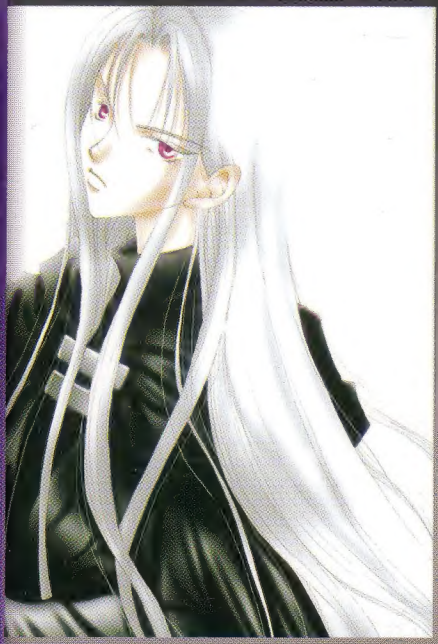

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